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Jet 'flew without front for ten seconds'

TWA jumbo was split in two by blast

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

INVESTIGATORS believe that a bomb in the forward luggage compartment ripped off the cockpit and first class cabin of TWA Flight 800 and that the rest of the jumbo jet flew a further mile and a half before it erupted into a fireball.

The theory raises the possibility that passengers strapped into economy class seats on the flight from New York to Paris survived the initial blast and had to endure ten or eleven seconds of terror as the aircraft hurtled towards the ground.

The suggestion that an explosion split the Boeing 747 in two comes after the discovery at the weekend of parts of the upstairs first class cabin off Long Island, about a mile and a half from the wreckage main fuselage. The front section was found at an earlier point in the aircraft's flight path. A source close to the investigation said that the plane "flew without a front for ten to eleven seconds".

Divers are now trying to find sheet metal from the front of the plane in the hope that it will provide the key to the cause of the disaster. And the FBI appears to be nearing the point where it will officially declare the crash a terrorist attack and take control of the investigation. Jim Kallstrom, the FBI assistant director, said yesterday: "We're not here to declare what everybody is discussing in the newspapers, but I think we are closer to that."

Investigators are increasingly focusing on the theory that a bomb was to blame, although they have not ruled out a missile attack — which might explain the numerous reports of a streak of light in the sky before the massive explosion.

Officials said yesterday that the separation of the front section of the plane before the rest of the aircraft exploded might explain the two blips seen on radar at the time of the crash. It could also account for the streak in the sky.

Investigators say that the radar dish at Islip on Long Island — which takes 12 seconds to make a 360-degree sweep of its sector — received the last signal from the plane's transponder at 8.31.08pm and made two further sweeps in which the jet appeared to be intact. By the third sweep, two pieces of plane were visible.

The initial explosion is believed to have happened about eleven and a half minutes after take-off when the aircraft was at 13,700ft. With the cockpit and first class cabin blown away, the main cabin would have suffered what is known as an "explosive decompression" as the pressurised air rushed out into the thinner atmosphere outside. Passengers not wearing seatbelts would have been sucked out of the aircraft in a wind tunnel of flying baggage and equipment. Those stuck in their seats would almost certainly have been knocked unconscious.

After falling 5,000ft, the jumbo jet exploded into a fireball fed, presumably, by the fuel gushing from the tanks.

From the bodies recovered soon after the crash, investigators know that some first class passengers were hurled out of the plane by the force of an explosion, and the coroner has found evidence that some victims drowned — although they were probably unconscious and near death when they hit the sea. Most suffered massive trauma and many were badly burned.

Robert Francis, the National Transportation Safety Board chief investigator, refused to speculate on how long the passengers might have survived. So far about 150 bodies have been retrieved from the sea and Mr Francis admitted at the weekend that dives may not be able to recover all of the others.

Atlanta bomb team say they are making progress

INVESTIGATORS hunting for the terrorists behind the bombing outrage at the Olympic Games said yesterday they were pursuing promising leads and making good progress.

FBI agents were focusing their attention on a white man who telephoned a warning to the emergency services minutes before the home-made pipe bomb exploded in Atlanta's Centennial Park early on Saturday morning, showering the audience at a free rock concert with nails, screws and shrapnel. Two people died and 110 were injured, including Brian Carr, 54, of Freethorpes, Norfolk, whose injuries were said to be not life-threatening.

Last night Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, offered America S all Britain's available expertise on terrorist" intelligence. He was speaking at Heathrow before flying to America for a pre-planned meeting with top FBI officials. Jamie Gorelick, deputy attorney-general in charge of the investigation, told CBS television: "We have very promising leads, but we're not going to be releasing them as we go along."

Atlanta has become "bomb scare city", with locals reporting more than 35 suspect packages since the explosion. National Guard reinforcements have been sent to the city and investigators are questioning hundreds of people.

All 300 British competitors were checked in their rooms early on Saturday to ensure that they were not among those killed or injured by the bomb.

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Linford Christie leaving the 100 metres final after being disqualified for two false starts

Christie claims perfect start

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

LINFORD CHRISTIE yesterday insisted that he had got "the perfect start" and should not have been disqualified in his attempt to retain his Olympic 100 metres title.

The British team captain, who is 36 and competing in his last Olympics, believes he could have still won the event in which Donovan Bailey of Canada took the gold medal in a world record of 9.84 seconds.

Christie has still to run the 200 metres and 4 x 100 metres relay. He said buoyantly: "I will be like a rubber ball and bounce back."

The three-time European champion was recorded as having left the blocks in 0.086 of a second to have his second false start in the 100 metres final. He was then automatically disqualified. The maximum permitted time is 0.010 seconds.

Christie accepted the first false start but argued with the officials over the second and gave up his hope of running only when the track referee overruled his protests.

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"It's another false start — for a second I thought he was going to get up"

University top league plan could cut funds

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to create a "premier league" of British universities which would attract the bulk of state funding for research are being backed by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary.

She favours an "elitist" cadre of about nine universities which would be given extra funding to encourage them to become international centres of excellence.

Resources would be focused on the super league, which would include traditional universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, at the expense of second division former polytechnics and less well-known universities.

Under Mrs Shephard's plan, which is expected to be put forward to Sir Ron Dearing as part of his review of higher education funding, universities would be able to gain access to, or drop out of, the league depending on the quality of their research and results.

State funding for universities which are not in the top nine or ten would dwindle and they would be forced to rely on research funding from other areas, such as private sources. Mrs Shephard says the super league would give all universities an incentive to raise research standards in order to gain extra resources. Those in the top division which let their standards drop would face losing their government research cash.

Britain's universities are already facing a funding crisis and several are threatening to impose tuition fees. Part of the reason is the rapid increase in students going on to higher education. In 1979, one in eight people went to university or higher education, but by 1995, the figure had jumped to one in three. Mrs Shephard supports the idea of making students pay more for their education by extending loans for undergraduates as another way of boosting funding for higher education.

She already faces a battle to protect her budget when most departments have been told by Kenneth Clarke to cut their running costs by 2 to 3 per cent.

The super league scheme also has the backing of a working group on university research, which included representatives from the British Academy, the Conference of

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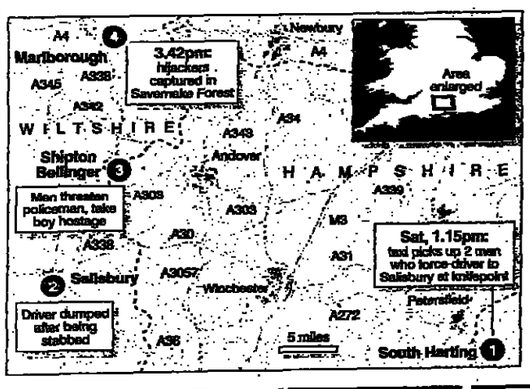
Couple's trail of kidnap and violence ends after high-speed chase



BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A BOY aged six was abducted from the street at knifepoint by a couple fleeing police in a high-speed chase across two counties. A taxi driver was stabbed, a policeman's life threatened and a dog knifed to death during a series of attacks over two and a half hours.

The suspects were finally caught in a stolen taxi when its tyres were shredded by a spiked "stinger" device in the road. The chase involved a police spotter plane, a helicopter and seven patrol cars.

The boy, Michael Hill, was recovering last night at his home in Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, after hospital treatment for shock and a minor injury to his hand.

Detectives were questioning a man, 56, and woman, 25, from Lancashire. They believe that the child's "frightening and sinister" ordeal came about because the pair wanted a hostage to help their escape attempt.

The chain of events began at 1.15pm on Saturday when Mark Slater, 29, a taxi driver, collected a fare at the White Hart public house in South Harting, near his home town of Petersfield, Hampshire. He was threatened with a knife and forced to drive 40 miles to Salisbury, Wiltshire, where he was stabbed in the back three times before escaping and raising the alarm. His white Renault estate was seen half an hour later in Shipton Bellinger, 15 miles away, by PC Ted Reynolds, of Hampshire Police. PC Reynolds approached the car but was threatened and backed off, calling for support. The occupants of the car then drove into the village, picked a house at random and knocked on the door of Rosemary Tetlow, 64, demanding money.

"The man said that if she did not let them in he would hurt her dog. The lady refused them entry and they stabbed the dog, a cocker spaniel called Bramble," Detective Inspector Tony Harris said.

Sylvia Hart, a friend of Mrs Tetlow, said: "When they threatened her with the knives she screamed. Bramble came running to the door and they stabbed Bramble with their knives. The dog then wandered back inside the house, whimpered and died after Mrs Tetlow had managed to shut the door. She rang me straight afterwards. She was so terribly distressed. Bramble was a much-loved pet."

The taxi sped off again, this time towards the Boot Inn, where Michael Hill was playing on his bicycle with his brother Keith, nine, and sister Leah, eleven. A woman climbed out seized Michael and forced him into the car. The taxi drove off with the woman and boy in the back seat. Police said that

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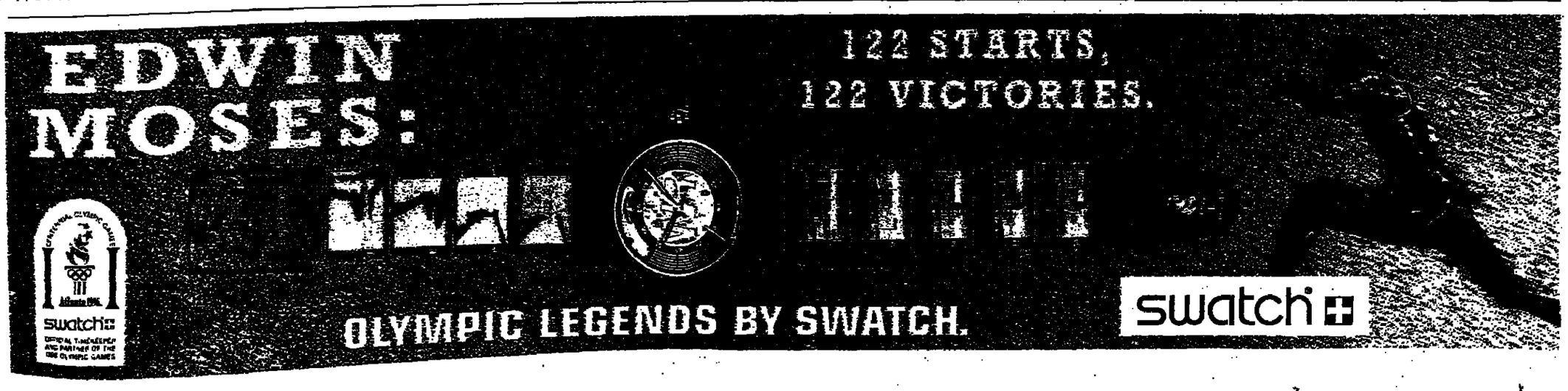

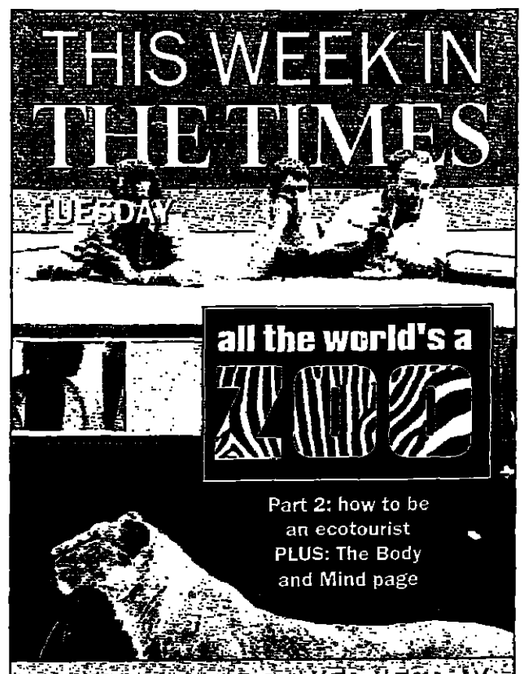

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Britain 'must not again let French and Germans determine the rules'

Heseltine repels anti-EMU pressure

By Jill Sherman

MICHAEL HESELTINE fuelled the row in the Conservative Party over Europe yesterday by insisting that the Government would not rule out joining a single currency in the next Parliament.

John Major is coming under increasing pressure from senior rightwingers to reject the prospect of the United Kingdom joining the European economic and monetary union for at least five years. An opinion poll published yesterday also suggested that a tougher line would be a vote-winner. However, Mr Heseltine, one of the Cabinet's leading pro-Europeans, insisted that Mr Major would stick to the current policy of keeping Britain's options open, should other member-states of the European Union decide to go ahead with a single currency.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*, the Deputy Prime Minister said that it would be absurd for Britain not to take part in negotiations. "I do not see how you can represent yourself as fighting for British interests if you opt out of a dialogue which is bound to affect the economic regimes within which this country's economy works."

In an interview with The Times last week Mr Major also made clear that he would not change course and that he would ensure that Britain could contribute to negotiations on the issue.

Rightwingers such as John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister, have urged the Prime Minister to boost Conservative chances of electoral victory by making a stand now against EMU. The pressure on Mr Major has also intensified since the resignation of David Heathcoat-Amory last week over the issue.

Mr Heseltine's statement, which boxes Mr Major in even further, follows an NOP poll for *The Sunday Times* which suggested that the Conservatives could gain millions of extra votes if they ruled out joining EMU. The survey found that 24 per cent of those asked would be more likely to vote for a party opposing a single currency compared with 12 per cent who said they would be less likely. Of former Tory voters, 34 per cent said that they would be more likely to support a party that ruled out joining a single currency in the next five years.

Of all those polled who expressed a view, 45 per cent favoured ruling out participation in monetary union for at least five years, compared to 20 per cent who wanted to maintain the present policy of keeping all options open and 15 per cent who wanted a commitment to join.

Mr Heseltine said that it would damage Britain's national interest if the Government declared it would not take part in EMU. "That would be to repeat the mistake of the 1950s when we let the French and the Germans fix our agricultural policy and we have been paying the price ever since," he told Sky News's *Sunday* programme.

"The mistake now would be to treat the City of London with the same apparent disinterest. How can you allow the French and the Germans to discuss and negotiate rules which will affect us about so vital an aspect of our national asset and not to be present at the discussions."

Meanwhile, allies of Baroness Thatcher denied that she had agreed with Sir James Goldsmith that she would not campaign for Tory MPs where he was fielding candidates for his party, which wants a referendum on Britain's future in the EU.

Sources close to Lady Thatcher pointed out that she was unlikely to be campaigning in seats where pro-European MPs were standing but made clear that she would do nothing which would damage the chances of a Conservative victory. They argued that it was unlikely that Lady Thatcher would campaign on an anti-European platform and she would stick to the Prime Minister's line on a single currency.

Blair accuses Left of unholy alliance with the Tories

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR served notice yesterday that he intended to crack down on party dissidents, and accused leftwingers of "an unholy alliance with the Tories".

But his determination to impose party discipline was immediately undermined when a backbencher attacked his action over Shadow Cabinet appointments. Lynne Jones, MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said many MPs were "deeply troubled" by aspects of Mr Blair's leadership and accused him of adopting a Thatcherite style.

Dr Jones, who failed to get elected to the shadow cabinet, attacked Mr Blair's "absolutely ruthless action" in demoting Clare Short to Overseas Development. She told GMTV: "It seems that Thatcher is the model — the strong leader. Although when we look back at Thatcher these days, what do we see? A rather pathetic old lady. We don't want that kind of leadership."

Donald Dewar, the opposition chief whip, has sent out letters warning Ken Livingstone and Diane Abbott that they had breached party rules that forbid MPs from criticising other MPs in public. Both MPs have suggested that the shadow cabinet elections were manipulated to ensure leadership candidates were returned.

The Labour leadership has made clear that it wished to see the existing shadow cabinet re-elected, but has denied allegations that proxy votes were cast to guarantee this was achieved. Other letters are expected to go out to a number other backbenchers who refuse to toe the party line.

Blair: he was accused of Thatcherite leadership

Mr Dewar and Mr Blair want to pre-empt a repeat of the damaging internal party wrangling which dominated the first two weeks of the summer recess last year after a backbencher, Richard Burden, wrote an article criticising Mr Blair and his kitchen cabinet.

Mr Dewar does not specify any sanctions in his letter, but party sources suggest that consistent troublesome behaviour could lead to the party whip being withdrawn or to de-selection. Last week the leadership announced that a working party was drawing up a new code of conduct. This is expected to recommend stronger powers for Labour whips to discipline MPs.

Leadership sources stress that Mr Blair is not trying to stifle debate within the party. One party source said: "He does not mind people debating the issue of a single currency or child benefit, but he will not abide MPs criticising colleagues or accusing them of things they have not done."

Mr Blair is also anxious to drive home the message to the electorate that he will not tolerate the same ill-discipline within his party that John Major has within the Conservatives.

In an article for the *Independent on Sunday*, Mr Blair dismissed criticism that he is too dictatorial, but accused his critics of playing into the hands of the Tories. He said: "Of course, if people on the Left continually describe it as a monstrous sell-out, it will undermine enthusiasm for change. This is the usual unholy alliance between Tory propaganda and parts of the left that I have witnessed all my political life."

Mr Blair had an unusual ally yesterday. Clare Short, still bruised from her demotion, blamed Mr Blair's spin doctors for projecting a false Stalinist image: "They build him up as a macho man, somebody who is obsessed with power to the exclusion of pretty well everything else. And it's not true.

"He's a lot better and a lot nicer than that."

Charles Anson plans return to the private sector

Queen's press aide to resign

By Alan Hamilton

THE Queen is to lose one of her closest advisers after six of the stormiest years Buckingham Palace has known since the end of the war.

Charles Anson, 52, the Queen's press secretary, confirmed yesterday that he would stand down from his £60,000 a year post "at some time in the future" but added that his move was not imminent and that he had no firm plans at present to leave the Royal Household.

Mr Anson, who is married with two teenaged children, was recruited in 1990 from Kleinwort Benson merchant bank and has never made a secret of the fact that he would one day like to return to the private sector. He has survived one of the most testing jobs in public relations at the worst possible time, having had to handle three royal divorces and the Queen's *annus horribilis* in 1992. He was rewarded in this year's birthday honours list by being appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, which is in the Queen's personal gift.

There is no suggestion of any disagreement between the palace and Mr Anson, merely "the need to finance two children through university". He is believed to have taken a substantial drop in salary when he left the bank to work for the Queen. Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary and her closest adviser, was also recruited from a merchant bank, but there is no indication at this stage that he wishes to return to City life.

Mr Anson has survived as press secretary longer than most of his recent predecessors although two of them, Sir William Heseltine and Robin Janvrin, were subsequently promoted to higher positions in the Royal Household. Michael Shea stuck to his post for nine years before rejoining the private sector as head of public affairs for Hanson, the industrial conglomerate.

Labour plans to cap red tape spending in schools

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

LABOUR will today announce plans to cap council spending on school red tape at £50 per pupil, releasing £37 million for extra teachers or books.

The money would pay for 1,750 teachers or provide up to £1,500 per school for equipment, Stephen Byers a Labour education spokesman, said.

The scheme ran into controversy with the Liberal Democrats claiming it aped Conservative policy of curbing council spending at the expense of services. Local authorities said the limit was likely to force schools to spend more of their own time and money on administration.

Mr Byers said Labour saw no reason why 38 local authorities in England and Wales should spend above £50 per pupil on administration when the remaining 71 authorities spent less. Three Conservative councils were among the five highest spenders: Kensington & Chelsea (£133), Wandsworth (£125) and Westminster (£108). Lambeth was the highest spender on £160. The lowest amounts were spent by Solihull (£11), Barnsley (£14), Hertfordshire (£17), Somerset (£18) and Norfolk (£18).

Byers: way of diverting money to frontline

Mr Byers said: "There is not going to be a lot of additional money available under a Labour government for education and this is an obvious way of diverting money to frontline services." He will announce the scheme at the annual conference of the Professional Association of Teachers in Cheltenham.

Saxon Spence, chairwoman of the Association of County Councils, said the scheme could lead to more money being spent on red tape. "The consequence of delegating more money to schools and cutting your central administration is that the administration then goes on in schools," she said.

☐ Teachers will today demand that parents should be deprived of child benefit if they do not play an active role in their children's schooling. Measures to encourage greater involvement in education, including compulsory parenting lessons, are being proposed.

Memebers of the Professional Association of Teachers will today propose laws to prevent parents from taking holidays during term-time, as well as a parenthood test when every pupil starts school. Parents who fail the test would have to attend classes in parenting skills.

Crown to assert royal authority in Channel

By Carol Midgley

THE Queen has launched her own legal action to stop the multimillionaire Barclay twins winning independence for their private Channel island, Brechou.

Lawyers acting for Buckingham Palace have applied to become joint defendants with the Seigneur of Sark in a court case to determine the constitutional position of the island.

Frederick and David Barclay, media proprietors who bought Brechou for £2.3 million in 1993 and who have installed independent water and electricity supplies, claim Sark does not have authority over it. But since the island is Crown land and the Queen is the feudal overlord, Buckingham Palace has joined the action.

The application will be heard in 11 days' time in the Royal Court of Guernsey. The Seigneur will argue that Brechou is part of his fief.

Top league plan could cut university funds

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Royal Medical Colleges, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society. But it is bound to be attacked by former polytechnics and universities unable to attract outside funding.

Under the present funding system, universities get 42 per cent of their funding from the Government's Higher Education Funding Council, roughly £3.5 billion, including £638 million for research. About 12 per cent comes from local authority fees and 5 per cent from the Research Council. But they have to make up the rest of the £8 billion costs through business ventures or trusts. State funding is allocated using a complex formula which takes into account the quality and volume of research and the number of students and historical factors, such as the existence of the college system at Oxford and Cambridge.

Universities are given block grants, but they can decide how much should be spent on teaching and how much on research. Some educationalists fear that under the new scheme the total funding will fall, with only a few colleges eligible for earmarked research resources.

The working group set up by the British Academy and others concluded that for Britain to maintain its ability to conduct high-quality research, the funds should be concentrated in relatively few universities. "This may strike critics as unfair, but it reflects an unavoidable fact: a critical lack of rsources," said David Harrison, chairman of the working party and Master of Selwyn College Cambridge, after the group reported. At the moment, an informal elitist group is already operating. Fifteen of the 122 universities and higher education colleges spend more than £15 million a year on research, including Birmingham, Cambridge, Imperial College, London, Leeds, Manchester, Oxford and University College London. The working party argued that the group could be even tighter and resources now going to other universities and colleges should be channelled to them alone.

But Mrs Shephard has gone further, by suggesting that there should be a greater element of competition with universities being able to enter and fall out of the league.

Some foreign governments already rate British universities in their own ivy leagues. Singapore, for example, recognises medical degrees from only five universities in Britain.

☐ **China drive:** British universities are launching a recruitment drive for students in China in search of course fees to supplement dwindling government funding.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ministers plan more curbs on strikers

Ministers are drawing up proposals for more curbs on strikes, which could be introduced this autumn. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is looking at options which include stripping unions of their immunity from being sued over disruption when they lawfully call one or two-day strikes.

Unions could face bankruptcy. The cost of each one day Tube stoppage has been estimated at about £30 million. Other options include no-strike clauses in employees' contracts, and enforced binding arbitration.

Tube stoppage

The London Underground is expected to be at a virtual standstill today, the third time in a fortnight, because of a joint walkout by members of the Aslef and RMT unions in a dispute over working hours. The RMT is to announce the results of ballots for industrial action among members in 11 train-operating companies in two separate disputes involving productivity payments and refreshment breaks.

Nazi loot study

Malcolm Rifkind has agreed to study declassified documents from the United States which allege that Britain may have received a share of gold looted by the Nazis. The Foreign Secretary has told the Labour MP Greville Janner that he will look again into the allegations. Suggestions of a secret Allied deal with Switzerland, where the loot was supposedly deposited, have previously been denied.

Relatives to sue

Holidaymakers whose relatives have drowned off Paphos, a coastal resort in Cyprus, are to sue the travel companies First Choice and Thomson for failing to warn them about unpredictable undercurrents. Dozens of people, including locals, have drowned in the area in the past few years. Last week Dr Gordon Leitch, 49, from Edinburgh, died after trying to rescue his wife and daughters.

Prison deaths

Two prisoners have been found hanged in their cells in the same prison hall at Perth Prison. The deaths were confirmed by the Scottish Prison Service, which said that fatal accident inquiries would be held. The men were Wayne Niven, 21, who came from Pitlochry and was on remand, and William Buchan, 27, who came from Aberdeen. He was jailed in 1994 for housebreaking, assault and robbery.

Benefits walkout

Benefits Agency workers are to strike on Thursday and Friday over safety. The Civil and Public Services Association fears for its members' safety when the jobseeker's allowance is introduced in October and wants protective screens installed. The union said: "It will be an unpopular benefit, and tension between our members, who will administer it, and clients will inevitably increase."

Royal baby

Lady Sarah Chatto, daughter of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, has given birth to a son, Kensington Palace announced. The boy, who has not been named, will be fourteenth in line to the throne. The Queen's only niece, the former Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, and her 7lb 12oz baby were said to be doing well. Lady Sarah, 32, married Daniel Chatto, 39, an artist, in 1994.

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Pioneer surgery restores speech to epilepsy victim

By Kathryn Knight and Jeremy Laurance

A SCHOOLGIRL who has been unable to speak for eight years after epilepsy destroyed her memory has uttered her first words.

Charlotte Hainsworth, now 10, suffered severe epilepsy when she was 18 months old, which her parents believe was brought on by an allergic reaction to a whooping cough vaccine.

After years of watching their once-chattering toddler struggle with continual epilectic fits, her mother and father, Joanne and Tony, from Keighley, West Yorkshire, were rewarded when their daughter asked for a cuddle after a pioneering operation.

"The word 'cuddle' came out clear as a bell and it was such a lovely moment after all this time," Mrs Hainsworth said. "It was very emotional. Now she can utter a few more words — she can ask for a cup tea, she can point to a tree and say 'Tree' and she has asked 'Who shut door?'. But cuddle is her favourite.

"She used to be such a normal chatty child, then the epilepsy took hold and we had to watch her slowly forget everything she had learnt until she could not speak. Because her whole system was affected, she could no longer even run around like a normal little girl."

Then the couple heard of a pioneering operation to reduce epileptic fits which involved planting a device into the chest which sends programmed impulses into the brain. It is thought to work by interfering with the brain waves associated with epilepsy but had been used very infrequently on children. Charlotte is the youngest person to undergo the surgery.

"Now her background fits have died down, and she has grown 2in since the operation. She is eating like a horse and is so much happier and brighter," Mrs Hainsworth said. "She has also started playing with the other children, which is lovely. She wouldn't mix with them before, so a lot of the barriers have come down."

Her parents are now hoping for a full recovery. "She used to be a real chatterbox, always talking. Now we are waiting for the moment when we have to tell her to be quiet again," Mrs Hainsworth said.

Charlotte's father, Tony, said the couple had first learnt about the vagal nerve stimulation technique when *Tomorrow's World* featured an adult fitted with the electronic device. Although they were told the operation was not an option for Charlotte, the Hainsworths were determined not to give up.

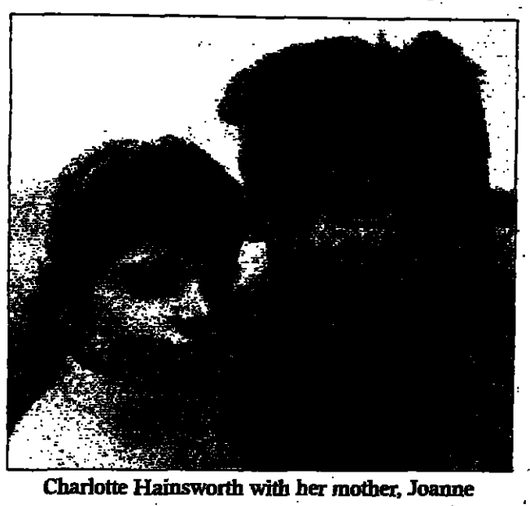
"We were watching our daughter dying before our eyes. We were having to force feed her and make her drink. She was so desperately thin," Mr Hainsworth said. "Then we found out via her school that the operation was performed at Leeds General Infirmary but was not available on the NHS. With the help of the people of Keighley we set about raising the £10,000 needed for the operation and Charlotte's aftercare."

However, Bradford Health Authority stepped in to pay for the operation and the money has now been given to the Airedale Paediatric Trust Fund to build a sensory room for disabled children.

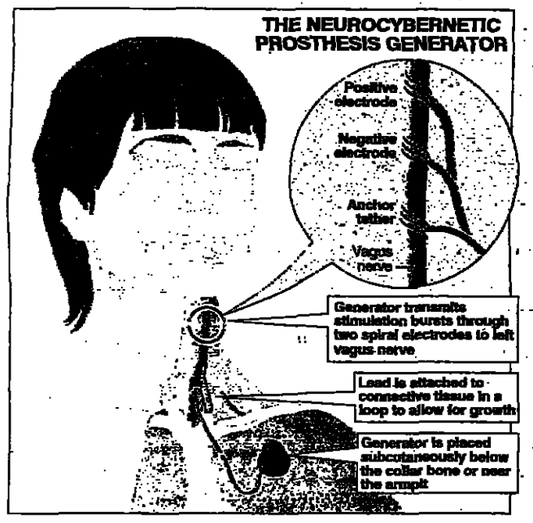
Mark Stringer, paediatric surgeon at Leeds General Infirmary who performed the operation, said it had been so successful that more were planned: "We shall be doing one a month here, and Sheffield and Guy's hospital, London are also doing them. Other children are reporting spectacular successes with the operation."

The operation involved implanting a vagal pacemaker, similar to a heart pacemaker, under the skin of the chest with its electrodes wrapped around the vagus nerve. It sends electric impulses via the vagus nerve to the brain. Mr Stringer said: "We don't fully understand how it works but in some way it dampens the tendency to epileptic seizures."

The operation is only suitable for the few severely affected patients whose epilepsy cannot be controlled by drugs. Some have hundreds of fits a day.



Charlotte Hainsworth with her mother, Joanne



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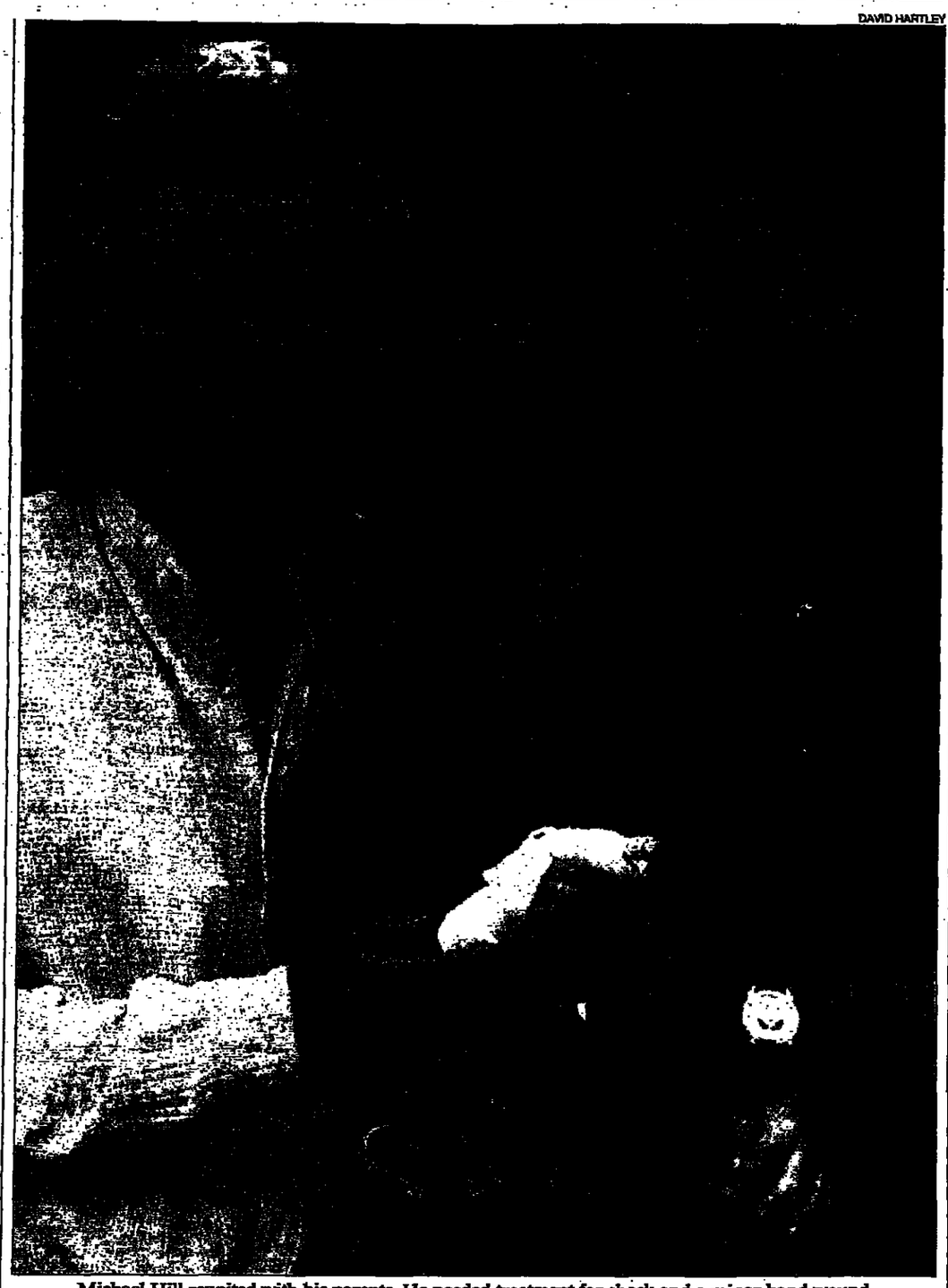

Michael Hill reunited with his parents. He needed treatment for shock and a minor hand wound

Kidnappers in high-speed chase

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both incidents were witnessed by PC Reynolds. "It all happened in a very short space of time. He made a radio call for assistance and did not intervene," Hampshire Police said.

"He was aware that both the people were armed with knives. We are keen to stress that he did a good job and had to assess the situation to see which was the best way of bringing it to a conclusion."

As the taxi headed for Marlborough, PC Reynolds was joined by half a dozen other cars, the Hampshire Police aircraft and Wiltshire Police's helicopter. The boy's father and the pub landlord, Lee Turland, followed the chase but were sent back after 15 miles by detectives.

The taxi, driving at 50-60mph, ignored demands to stop. After 22 minutes, officers used the stinger to bring the car to a halt near the entrance to the Savernake Forest.

The couple were arrested and the boy was freed and taken to Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon. Mr Slater was in a serious but stable condition at Salisbury District Hospital.

Mr Harris did not believe drink or drugs was involved, but said there were no apparent reasons for the attacks. "We are just grateful that the only death here was a dog and that those injured are now recovering."

Michael's father, Trevor, said: "I cannot imagine why anyone would want to do such a terrible thing to a six-year-old boy. Apart from some superficial injuries Michael is all right."

The boy told his mother, Sharon, that the man in the stolen taxi kept telling the woman: "Kill him, kill him now."

His older brother, Keith, tried to fight off the woman even though she was holding a kitchen knife. He said: "She grabbed Michael off his bike and he screamed. Me and Leah ran up to the woman and then she got the knife to Michael's throat, walked backwards a bit and put Michael in the car and she got in. I ran and saw the man in the front driving and as I ran I saw them going to the end of the road and turning right.

"I ran into the pub and told my dad. I was terrified. I thought they were going to kill Michael."

Yesterday Michael's parents said that, despite his shock, he was coping very well.

'Missing' couple were just enjoying the sun

By A Staff Reporter

A COUPLE who decided to take the scenic route on a visit to their daughter finally arrived yesterday and discovered that they had been posted as missing persons for the past three days.

Joseph King, 57, and his wife, Mary, 53, from South Wales, had been expected last Thursday at Crewe, Cheshire. When they failed to complete the 180-mile journey, their daughter, Edith Cooper, contacted the police, who interviewed friends and neighbours and broadcast appeals on radio stations.

As they became the target of a police hunt and a lead item on a BBC radio bulletin, the couple and their Jack Russell, Mandy, were simply enjoying the fine weather by travelling through Barmouth, Llandudno and Rhyl.

After an unexpectedly emotional welcome yesterday, Mr Cooper said: "We had feared the worst, then they turned up at lunchtime all cheerful. It was a bit tense over the teacups after they arrived.

"I was furious with them both. I made my father go on television because after all the fuss, it wasn't going to be me who was embarrassed. We're beginning to laugh about it now."

Mr King, a retired prison officer from Ammanford, Carmarthenshire, said: "I feel so stupid. We didn't think anything about it. The weather was beautiful and we decided to enjoy it. We stayed at bed-and-breakfast places and had a great time. When we arrived here, I wondered what was going on. The family didn't know whether to cry or laugh.

"We both feel pretty foolish and we've learnt our lesson. Now I've got to go and see the police and apologise for the trouble I've caused. I just hope they'll let me off lightly.

"It was good to know the family cared about us. We never knew anyone was looking for us. We were enjoying it so much that, if it hadn't rained, we would have been missing yet."

Detective Sergeant Aled Davies, who was leading the investigation for Dyfed-Powys Police said: "We are glad they have been found safe and well. There is an important lesson to be learnt here and that is that people taking detours on trips should let someone know what they are doing. We shall be speaking to Mr King about what has gone on."

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Villager cuts down noise levels by taking an axe to the church bells

By Carol Midgley

A WOMAN chopped down the door of her village church and severed the bellropes with an axe, claiming that the sound of the bells had driven her to despair.

Midge Mather, 64, wreaked her revenge in the early hours of Sunday morning, infuriated after the bells had rung out for half an hour on Saturday afternoon. She then telephoned the police to tell them what she had done.

Parishioners arrived at the 15th-century St Swithin's Church, in Compton Bassett, Wiltshire, yesterday morning to find the door to the west tower in splinters and the ropes to all six bells cut.

The attack was the culmination of a eight-year feud between Mrs Mather and the church. She objects to the use of the tower by bellringers from around the country and had threatened to take action.

The Rev Peter Saunt, vicar of St Swithin's, said: "We understand she broke into the church at about midnight last night. All this was because the bells were rung for half an hour on Saturday. Prior to that they had been silent for three weeks because people were away. Mrs Mather has lived in this village for 30 years. We don't know what action we will take.

"We don't want to do beastly things but we feel very angry about this. We are going to have church meeting and decide what to do."

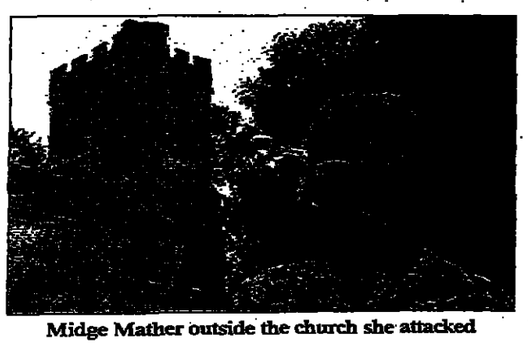
At Mrs Mather's home, a woman claiming to be a friend answered the phone and said: "The matter is now in the hands of the police. Mrs Mather had wanted to speak to the parochial church council but they refused to have a meeting with her. Mrs Mather asked me to come and answer the telephone for her because she doesn't want to speak to anyone about it."

Dr David Bishop, captain of bell-ringing at St Swithin's, said: "Because of threats of violence and damage we had braced the belltower door with a steel girder. On July 11 we held a meeting and discussed the matter. Most of the bell ringers have been away so they haven't rung for a while and we considered it would not be unreasonable to let a group of ringers from Oxfordshire use the bells.

"On the day of the attack we had increased security at the church by keeping it locked. We had even removed the bell ropes for the past couple of weeks but after a group from Oxfordshire rang on Saturday we decided it would be all right to leave them — sadly we were wrong. This whole saga is very extraordinary."

A police spokesman said: "Police are aware of the matter which is now being considered by the church elders. Apparently there has been a dispute and we are waiting for instruction as to whether any prosecution will be made."

Yesterday Mrs Mather leant out of the bedroom window at her cottage and said: "I am ashamed about what I have done but I was forced to do it."



Midge Mather outside the church she attacked

Bureau wins no prizes for advice

By Diana Thorp

AN ARCHITECT who designed an award-winning building for the Citizens' Advice Bureau in Chessington, Surrey, has been prevented from entering it in an architectural competition.

Gabriele Bramante, who designed the small modernist building using the principles of Japanese garden design, first clashed with authority when two 18ft cypresses were planted on the site. At 2am on the morning the Princess Royal was to open the building, Ms Brabante and two friends dug up the cypresses and planted the Polish silver birches specified in her design.

Ms Brabante's building has been entered for four architectural prizes, winning each one, the last being the BBC Design award for architecture earlier this month. But that, the CAB insisted, was the last accolade. Judges' visits were causing "too many distractions" and no more would be admitted.

The Royal Institute of British Architects Stirling Prize, for which the building had been nominated, carries a £20,000 prize. Ms Bramante offered half the prize to the CAB if the building won but the committee was adamant that it was too busy to entertain any more judges. Mark Welling, chairman of the Kingston CAB management committee, said an agreement had been drawn up with Ms Bramante that the building should be taken out of the limelight after the BBC award.

"We were getting a lot of architectural students turning up and taking up a lot of management's time," he said. "Basically we want to get on and run the building as a CAB. Our charitable work must come first."

Ms Bramante said the CAB's attitude was unhelpful not only to her but to sponsors. "The sponsors have done so much for the CAB, and the CAB is doing nothing in return," she said. "The judges' visit would probably not last more than half an hour."

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Flat-dwelling civil servant says she is to the manor born

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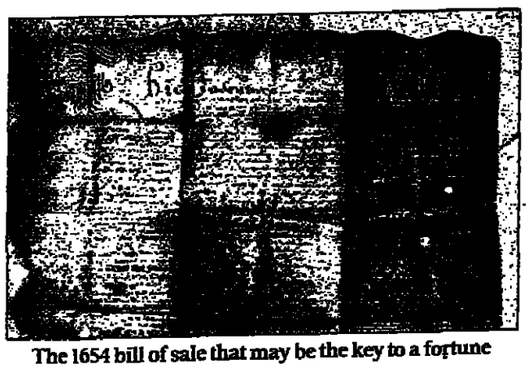


The 1654 bill of sale that may be the key to a fortune

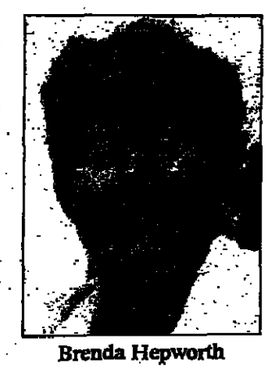
A CIVIL servant living in a one-bedroom flat has staked a claim to land worth £240 million. The basis of Brenda Hepworth's attempt to join the landed gentry is a 340-year-old bill of sale, left to her three decades ago, which she rediscovered while hunting for her passport.

Ms Hepworth, 48, of Gosforth, Tyne and Wear, has since spent a day at the Land Registry researching her claim to the 2,640-acre Burdon Hall estate, between Sunderland and Seaham. The estate, around Ryhope, Tyne and Wear, includes five square miles of beaches and farmland, farms and hamlets.

Ms Hepworth's claim began after she came across the yellowing bill of sale, dated 1654. Her ancestor, Thomas Atkinson, is shown to have bought the land from the Bowes Lyon family, forebears of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, for £58, approximately £8 million today. Atkinson employed the local clergyman, a Reverend Gregson, to collect rents from farms on the estate. One of the Reverend Gregson's descendants, Major C.D. Gregson, sold the land to Sunderland Corporation in 1931.

Ms Hepworth thinks the estate may have passed to the Gregson family because her ancestors allowed the impression to grow that the rent collector was the owner.

She is now consulting a lawyer. "I suppose I could be due a fair bit in back rent and rates," she said yesterday.



Brenda Hepworth

Olympic night of fear leaves a shaken US

Bomber's warning to police was ignored

By Quentin Letts in Atlanta and Our Foreign Staff

THE BLAST

A SHAKEN Atlanta yesterday fought to regain its composure after the unclaimed terrorist attack. Church congregations prayed for the victims of the bomb, candlelit vigils were held and Olympic flags continued to fly at half mast.

FBI agents were concentrating their attention on a man, said to be a white American, who telephoned a bomb warning to the emergency services 18 minutes before the device exploded in the city's crowded Centennial Park at 1.19am on Saturday. Inexplicably, the warning — which the man put at 30 minutes — went unheeded.

One woman died, a Turkish television cameraman suffered a fatal heart attack, and scores of people who moments earlier had been listening to a free concert were struck by flying nails and shrapnel.

Among those injured was Brian Carr, 54, of Freethorpe in Norfolk, who was hit in the head by flying metal. Mr Carr, a former publican and father of two, was said to be out of danger after surgery at Atlanta's Grady Hospital. The British Consulate in Atlanta said that Mr Carr's injuries were now "not life threatening" and added that he had received visitors in hospital.

Since the bomb exploded, Atlanta has been plagued by bomb scares. Cautious locals have reported more than 35 suspect packages. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Squad, one of 52 agencies involved in an energetic, often tangled security effort, blew up a bag which was left in a central shopping centre. Afterwards it was found to contain nothing more than a household iron.

Additional members of the National Guard were dispatched to the Olympic City and investigators were questioning "hundreds of people", said Agent Woody Johnson, who is leading the investigation.

President Clinton praised the efforts of local officers and existing security personnel on site, describing some of them as heroes, but their failure to respond to the bomber's warning telephone-call was open to question. The bomb, concealed in a green bag, was discovered only by chance after two members of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation were called to the park to quell a group of drunks.

Special Agent Johnson, when asked why the warning call went unheeded, said that the bomb was "the only live device we had in more than 100 call-outs".

There was also speculation that the bomber may have had trouble getting through on the 911 emergency line (similar to 999 in Britain). Urban Americans commonly misuse the number, regarding it as a way of contacting the police to sort out minor irritations such as noisy neighbours and barking dogs.

Comfort for a woman after the explosion

There was an unconfirmed report that within two hours of the explosion an unidentified man was charged with making terrorist threats. He was not considered a suspect for the Centennial Park blast, but did say that he had a bomb in a bag and was going to blow up "a hotel and other places". The man, who gave police different names, said he was a disgruntled street merchant.

After early indications that Americans might stay away from Atlanta — as they did from Europe during the Gulf War — the Games organisers claimed that "virtually all" volunteers turned up for duty and placed spectator attendance at sporting venues at 95 per cent.

Two weeks before the start of the Games, the White House tried to ban all commercial flights by helicopters and air ships over Olympic venues. *Flight International* magazine yesterday speculated that the unusual, last-minute order from such a high-level source indicated that specific threats of an airborne terrorist attack had been received. Security sources would not comment on the rumour.

American aviation officials managed to overcome the order by agreeing to place special transmitters in all helicopters, private jets and a commercial airship which planned to fly over the Olympic stadium, said the magazine. Pilots of the helicopters, some of which have been operating an experimental parcel delivery service, were rigorously vetted by security agencies.

New British proposals for combating international terrorism will be proposed tomorrow at a special ministerial conference in Paris. Yesterday, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who flew to America for a brief visit before going on to the Paris meeting, said one idea was to set up a special directory detailing different countries' particular expertise in tackling terrorism. He would offer to set up the directory in Britain.

He said: "We want to set up centres of excellence. Those countries which have experience of fighting terrorism, and unfortunately Britain is one of them, have developed a good deal of skill and expertise in certain particular areas."

Mr Howard said it was important to make that expertise available to other countries which were faced with a terrorist threat. Britain would offer to set up the directory in this country.

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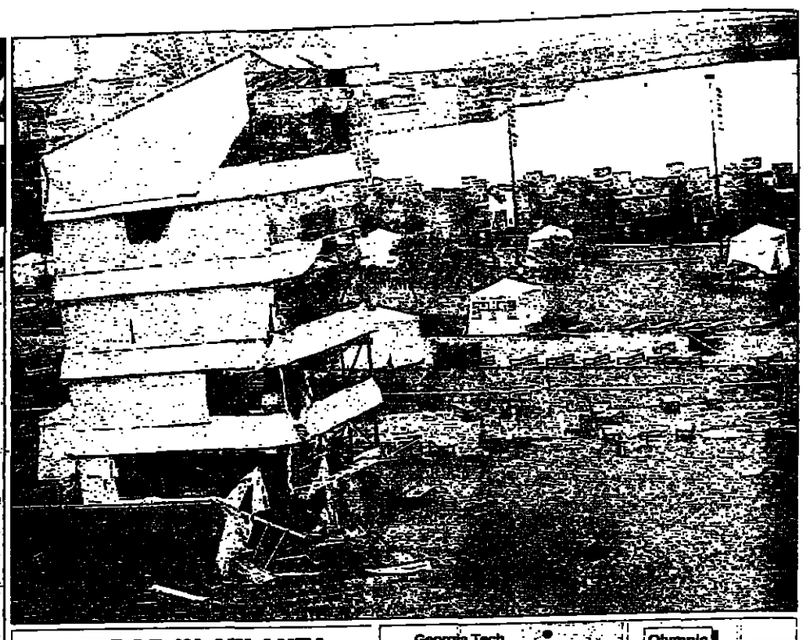

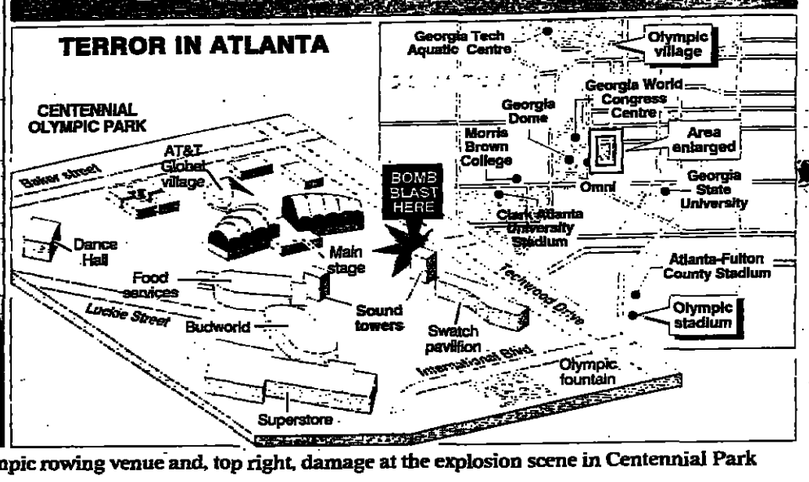

National guardsmen, left, check a vehicle at the Olympic rowing venue and, top right, damage at the explosion scene in Centennial Park

Police search for drunks led to deadly device

By Quentin Letts

WITNESSES

TOM DAVIS, a Georgia police agent, having been kicked through the Atlanta air by a white blast of power, picked himself up off the ground, dusted down his walkie-talkie, and then radioed to base: "Explosion, Centennial Park."

Mr Davis, an agent with the state bureau of investigation, was 20 yards from an unclaimed shoulder bag when it exploded at 1.19am on Saturday, sending nails and shrapnel into a crowd of concert-goers. The small but deadly triple pipe bomb was quickly identified as a terrorist device and led to a rapid reassessment of security measures at the Olympic Games.

Mr Davis was unhurt, but 111 others were less lucky and sustained lacerations, some of them grave. One woman was killed in the blast and a Turkish television cameraman died of a heart attack as he rushed to film the scene.

Minutes after the explosion, ambulances crowded the central area, a mainly concrete-covered space devoted to amusement marquees and sales stalls. Police and FBI vehicle sirens filled the air; officials shouted at pedestrians to leave and blew whistles in an attempt to restore order.

The bomb exploded at the bottom of a television broadcasting tower in the park. Mr Davis and Steve Blackwell, a colleague, had been called to the scene to calm some drunks. Finding that the men had moved on, the agents noticed a nylon bag and alerted their superiors about the suspect device. They were trying to clear the area when the bomb exploded.

Unknown to the agents, a tip-off telephone call about the bomb had been received about 20 minutes earlier. The speed of reaction to that call was a source of debate yesterday. Investigators tracked the call to a bank of public telephones near Centennial Park, but forensic scientists said that fingerprint searches were unlikely to prove helpful because the telephones were bound to have been used by other people after the tip-off caller, whose unexceptional voice was said to be that of a white American male. "I felt the ground shake," Desmond Edwards, an Atlanta schoolteacher, said. "Some people looked really messed up. There were rivers of blood." The city's Grady hospital went on emergency footing, enacting Operation Big Bird, a procedure it has practised often in preparation for an air disaster in the area. Victims of the Centennial Park bomb were admitted with cuts to the head and abdomen and with shock.

Since the start of the Games, officials have investigated about 120 abandoned packages, sniffer dogs have inspected more than 100 parcels and emergency teams have attended 35 false alarms. Further scare calls had been received since the explosion.

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Friend tells of Briton's injury

By Stephen Farrell

VICTIM

A 54-YEAR-OLD Briton critically injured by the Olympic bomb was taking the holiday of a lifetime with a friend.

Chris Hankinson, 36, described yesterday the moment when Brian Carr was cut down by a hail of glass and shrapnel as they listened to the rock concert at Centennial Olympic Park.

Mr Hankinson said: "I saw the explosion and heard this enormous bang. It was as if the ground had opened up and swallowed people — there was just a huge gap appearing in front of us which had been packed with people. A woman beside me became hysterical and as I tried to comfort her I followed her horrified stare and realised she was looking at Brian. His legs were going and blood was pouring from his head.

"It was unreal. We had been about 50ft away from the bomb, but it just brought Brian down. No one around us was touched — he took the full force." Mr Carr was recovering in Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital after nine hours of surgery to head wounds. Doctors said his injuries were not life-threatening.

His family in Britain told how, after learning of the explosion, they knew that he was likely to be at the scene. Mr Carr, from Freethorpe, Norfolk, sold his pub four months ago to travel the world.

Ellen Carr, his sister-in-law, said yesterday: "We half thought he might have been involved, but then we just thought this is the type of thing that always happens to someone else. Then we got a call from Chris telling us what had happened. He was very, very shaken."

Mr Carr, who has two grown-up children, left his wife years ago and ran the White Lion pub in Brooke, Norfolk. "We left in March and decided to stop in Atlanta to join in the great party. Everyone in Atlanta has been just brilliant and we were having such a good time — the bomb was just absolutely sickening," said Mr Hankinson.

Brian Carr, right, and his friend Chris Hankinson

Clinton agonises over show of support

Washington: The White House was agonising last night over a return visit to Atlanta by President Clinton as officials adopted a British attitude to terrorism (Tom Rhodes writes). Mr Clinton was said to be contemplating the trip as a show of presidential support for the Games. Nervous White House officials, however, said the security risks may be too great.

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As the Government has been forced to prevent possible IRA attacks on the Prime Minister or Cabinet, the White House seemed finally to have recognised the horrors of domestic terrorism and was thought unlikely to announce any visit in advance. "Everyone around here is talking about how this is becoming just like London," admitted one senior official.

Bomb threats were reported at Union Station, Washington, after the blast and a bag left outside the White House shut Pennsylvania Avenue. The mansion's security perimeter was increased by 300 yards.

Hate groups threaten on every front

By Tom Rhodes in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

MILITIAS

THE FBI, its resources at full stretch, yesterday faced the daunting prospect that America faces danger on every front, not only from international terrorist groups but also from brooding patriots raised in its own heartlands.

The current FBI list of public enemies is so long, indeed, that the bureau has been stretched to near breaking point in the aftermath of the TWA crash and the Olympic bomb.

Militia leaders and other extremists claim their numbers have multiplied sevenfold since the Oklahoma City bombing last year, in which 168 adults and children were killed. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the two men charged with the bombing of the federal building, have become cult figures among the many anti-federalist groups in the more rural states of America, from Michigan to Idaho, Washington to Arizona and, of course, Georgia.

In late April, less than two months before the Olympics, federal agents arrested William McCranie Jr, 30, and Robert Starr III, 34, both described as members of the 112th Volunteer Battalion of the Militia at Large of the Republic of Georgia. They were charged with unlawful possession of explosives, including more than a dozen homemade pipe bombs and the chemicals used to make and detonate them.

An undercover investigation revealed that both suspects, although ostensibly planning an attack against the United Nations and the "New World Order", had mentioned the Olympics on numerous occasions.

But J.J. Johnson, a co-founder of the militia yesterday denied involvement in the Atlanta blast. "We categorically deny having any knowledge of this or anything to do with this," he told a news conference.

Groups which have monitored so-called hate organisations in Georgia have cited a series of incidents in the past year in which large amounts of explosive material was either stolen or found in the possession of ultra-right wing sympathisers. In May 1995, 1,500lb of fertiliser, the chief ingredient in the Oklahoma bomb, was stolen from a garden shop near Atlanta.

In September police discovered a state Ku Klux Klansman with five bombs and the material to make many more. Only a month later a combination of ammonium nitrate, fuel oil and hundreds of blasting caps were stolen from a company near Norcross. And that is in Georgia alone.

The Pentagon recently admitted that terrorism was the top priority of the US defence community. William Perry, the Defence Secretary, is masterminding co-ordinated efforts by the FBI, CIA, the National Security Agency and other intelligence operations to counter it.

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struggling to confront the enemy within

A security official searches spectators' belongings at the entrance to the Stone Mountain venue for Olympic cycling competitions

Old World curse blows away America's innocence

By Quentin Letts

TERRORISM, once viewed by Americans as a curse special to the ancient tensions of the Old World, is now an unpalatable fact of life and death in the United States.

A country naturally disposed to optimism is slowly learning that instead of declaring "they wouldn't dare" it must now stop to think "what if?" Moments after Saturday's bomb blast in Atlanta, all-American kids wandered, shocked, through the streets of the Olympic city. Young faces which minutes earlier had glowed with happy confidence now ran with tears of uncertainty and fear. Tarika Lewis, a visitor from Oakland, California, said: "How can anyone do that? How?"

It is a question the rest of the world has come to live with, from Moscow to Madras, Londonderry to London. Older, wiser cities, arguably, would never have allowed the central meeting point for such a huge event to have gone so ill-guarded. If the murderous 25-year campaign of the IRA has taught us anything in Britain it is to seal rubbish bins and mail boxes in sensitive areas, to monitor "soft zones" with security cameras and to clear public spaces the instant a bomb warning is received, no matter the inconvenience.

Atlanta is new to these horrid truths. It trusted, and it paid. The jaunty Southern town was still an innocent when the Games began, full of "can do" airs and ambitions to be a world city. An NBC announcer reported that people had been getting into controlled areas by trading souvenir brooches with security personnel.

What Atlanta now understands is that to play with the

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big boys you have to expect the disagreeable. Meanwhile a nation realised that the Oklahoma bomb of 1995 was no one-off. The bomber had struck before the world's media, and television networks covered the bombing around the clock.

Janet Evans, the star American swimmer, looked wobbly after the bomb disrupted her retirement party. "Everything just went boom," she said. "We all held hands and ran out." A Games volunteer called Megan confessed that she felt uneasy about staying in the city. A teenager, perhaps having assumed that such things happened only in violent films, held up a bloody dollar note and whispered: "This is real. Real people are getting hurt."

Lee Peters, a father of four, said that his children were so terrified that they had asked him not to make them go to any more sporting events in the Games. Robert Leckey, a Georgian, said: "This is something you don't expect in America."

The people of Manchester, Warrington and London, to name three British cities disfigured by terrorist action, knew that fear is the villain's thrill. They defied it with mighty disdain. In its own, self-analytical way, Atlanta learned to sing this foreign tune. By Saturday night it was reported that Olympic crowds had been at 90 per cent capacity.

The mood in the Olympic stadium, although one of solidarity, was more muted than the wild patriotism and hollering of before. Caution and second-guessing are not the American way but that small pipe bomb blasted more than the breath of a human life and splinters of debris. It blew away the remaining innocence of America.

Atlanta, 'safest city on Earth', tied up in mass of red tape

From Ian Brodie in Washington and John Goodbody in Atlanta

BILL CAMPBELL, the Mayor of Atlanta, had promised repeatedly that his city would be the safest place on Earth during the Olympics, thanks to the largest peacetime security operation in history.

It was not to be, and yesterday there was a growing sense that all the precautions for the Games, with a security force of 30,000 and an outlay of at least $227 million (£150 million), may have been too bureaucratic to respond speedily enough to a warning about the pipe bomb in Centennial Park.

Woody Johnson, the senior FBI agent in Atlanta, said: "There was a delay before the information was passed on." He said that the agency would investigate whether the local police moved too slowly.

Before the Games, the authorities had described a command centre modelled on Nasa's Mission Control in Houston. They said that from this secret location they would be able to communicate with every facet of security, down to the smallest squad, instantly.

One reason for the delay could have been a complex array of responsibilities for different "stretches of turf" at the Olympics. Centennial Park is state property and comes under the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Atlanta police are in charge of the city and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) is in charge of security inside the Olympic venues. The FBI is called in for federal crimes, such as terrorism.

In all, 25 state agencies share responsibility for security with 11 federal agencies, including the Pentagon. The sheer volume may have given rise to management confusion. That certainly was the view of some foreign police officers who volunteered to help at the Olympics and who quit last week, complaining of disorganisation and broken promises.

The costly high-tech paraphernalia at the Games includes credentials bearing a three-dimensional palm print that can be revoked by remote

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control, a giant blimp transmitting pictures to the command centre and dozens of other surveillance cameras mounted throughout the Olympic area.

Four years of planning went into the security. The FBI, police and troops staged mock hijackings and bombings at the Olympic Stadium and Atlanta airport. They rehearsed a scenario in which a lorry carrying nerve gas was deliberately jack-knifed into a motorway barrier, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes, schools and hospitals. A 36-hour exercise at the rowing venue dealt with the rescue by helicopters and divers of two diplomats taken hostage by extremists.

But it was a home-made pipe bomb that broke through the security screen in an area where security was minimal. Billy Payne, the president of ACOG, said they had wanted Centennial Park to be one area where people were free to celebrate an international carnival without having their enthusiasm dampened by going through checkpoints. That will now change.

If the hundreds of thousands of tourists were able to use Centennial Park every day without being searched, the situation has been different at the 30 competition venues. Everyone has been through a body-scanner and had baggage examined. Credentials for accredited people are scanned. A bomb detection team is in place at every event.

For access to the Olympic village and other highly sensitive security areas, there is a "hand-geometry" reader which checks that the shape of the hand corresponds with the hologram on the individual's identification badges. In leading hotels, special credentials are needed.

Mr Campbell was still insisting yesterday that Atlanta was the safest place on Earth. Indeed, security has become overbearing. Despite having one of the best known faces in the city, Mr Campbell was barred from entering the international media centre.

Shocked Sydney's security bill soars

By Roger Maynard in Sydney and Our Foreign Staff

AUSTRALIA

A WIDESPREAD review of security and a massive increase in spending to meet possible threats to the Sydney Olympics was being canvassed openly by Australian political, sporting and government officials last night.

Australia has little experience of urban bombings. News of the Atlanta blast has sent a collective shudder down the spines of those organising the next Olympics on Sydney Harbour's shores in September 2000.

The cost of security will almost certainly eclipse the estimated £200 million spent in Atlanta. The Australian Government, which has already promised to give New South Wales £75 million, will now doubtless be asked for further financial assistance.

Michael Knight, the New South Wales Olympics Minister, promised yesterday that if more was money needed he would find it. "We will do whatever is necessary to ensure there's a high level of security," he said. Mal Hemmerling, head of the Sydney Olympics Organising Committee, admitted security would have to be totally reviewed. He did not rule out enlisting the help of the Australian defence forces.

What is clear is that the Australians are already learning lessons from Atlanta.

John Coates, the Australian Olympic Committee President, said Sydney would not have the sort of entertainment venue where Saturday's pipe bomb exploded. There would be a meeting place for athletes and their families within the international zone of the Olympic village — and not outside.

But the city, dominated by one of the world's most beautiful harbours, will have a nightmare not encountered by Atlanta. Privately, officials admit it will be virtually impossible to police and close off waterways adjoining so many of the Olympic sites.

Day Games were held hostage

By John Goodbody

THE Olympics lost their innocence when Arab terrorists — all members of the Black September group — killed 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Games.

Until 1972 the Games were a much more relaxed event, full of the joy of the competitors and ease of access. But the Arab group saw the Games as an opportunity to seize hostages to exchange for 200 other

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Palestinians held in Israeli jails. After breaking into the Olympic village, the group shot dead two members of the Israeli team. Nine others died, as well as five terrorists and a policeman, when a rescue attempt and ambush by German police went disastrously wrong.

The Games were suspended for a day and then resumed in a more sombre mood. The mood has remained more sombre ever since.

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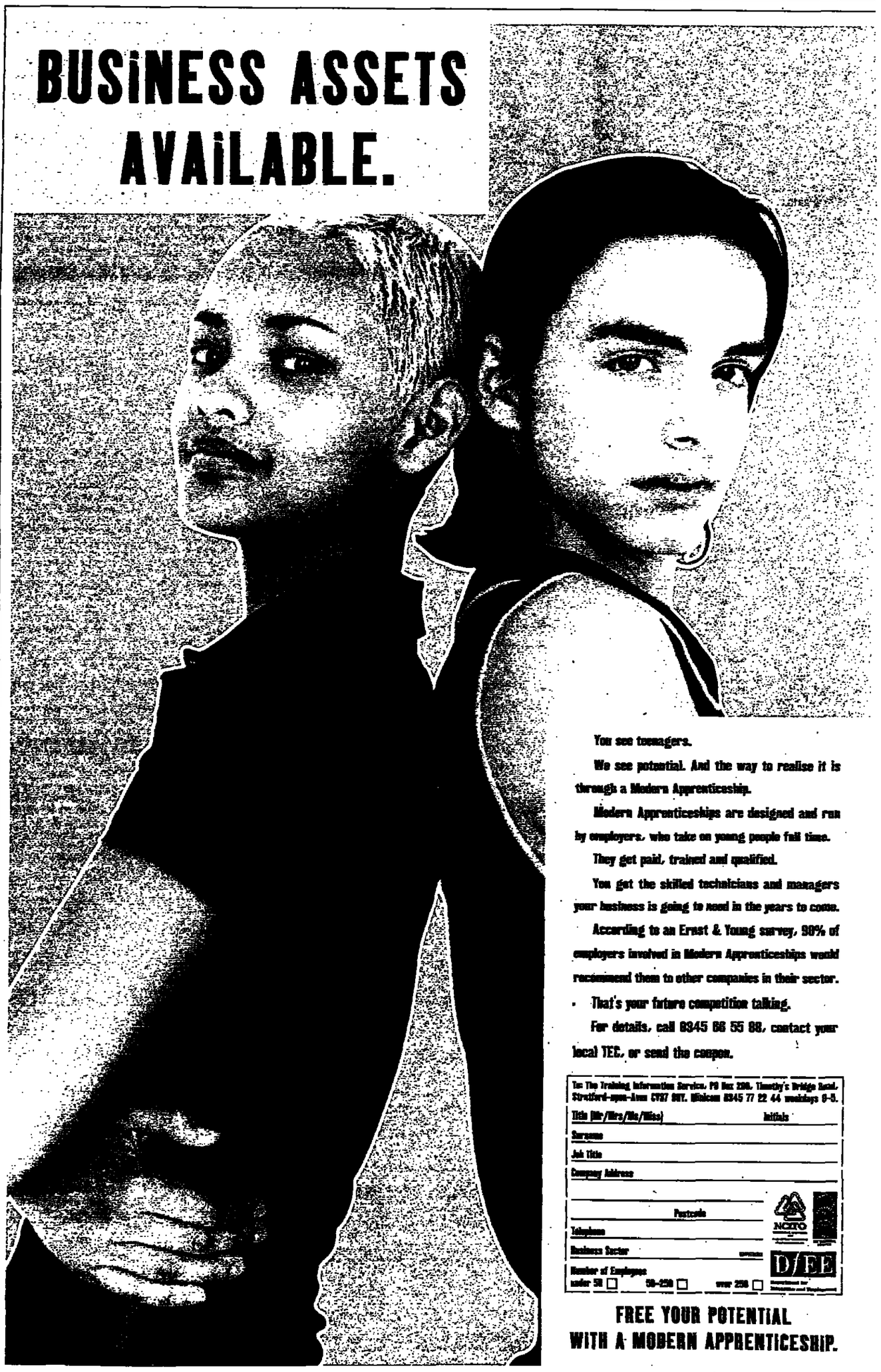

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English Heritage accused of changing the rules over restoration of bombed building

Tower plan stings Baltic Exchange to seek payout

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

ENGLISH HERITAGE faces a claim for millions of pounds in compensation if a plan to build Europe's highest skyscraper on the site of the Baltic Exchange in the City of London goes ahead.

The Exchange, bombed out of its Grade II* listed building by the IRA in 1992, has already taken legal advice and on Thursday Jim Buckley, its chief executive, will meet English Heritage officials to discuss the issue.

Mr Buckley wants to find out why, when the Exchange still owned the site, he was threatened with legal action for failing to restore the listed building, while Trafalgar House, the new owner, has been encouraged to believe it will win planning permission for an office block covering the entire area.

"We had to sell at a knock-down price because English Heritage insisted we had to restore the building even though the cost of that would have bankrupted us," Mr Buckley said. "If we could have sold the site without the restoration requirement we could have got twice as much for it.

"I was threatened with prison by English Heritage for delaying the restoration. I have no quarrel with Trafalgar House, but since they bought it there has been a change in the rules."

When it was built between 1900 and 1904, the vast hall covering the Trading Floor of the Exchange was one of the first steel-framed structures. The technique enabled the architects to erect a glass dome over the Rhodesian teak-panelled trading room with its Greek and Italian marble flooring, where traders from around the world did business. Stained glass memorial panels were set into the dome after the First World War.

The foyer was decorated with crests of the maritime nations and marble statues. Outside the façade was of pink Swedish granite, with the upper floors decorated with giant detached columns and a pediment.

The Baltic Exchange received a £27.6 million insurance pay-out after the bombing, but more than £6 million of that was spent on compensating bereaved families, providing alternative accommodation for the Exchange and hiring architects and planners.

When it learnt that it would probably cost £20 million simply to rebuild the trading floor and the façade, the decision was taken to move out. If it carried out the restoration, the Exchange would have been left with no accommodation and no income from its tenants. The move was made to an empty building next door owned by Trafalgar House. The deal involved the Exchange paying £12.75 million for its new home, but the developers knocked £10 million off the price in return for being given the freehold of the old Baltic site.

"We could have sold it far quicker and got 100 per cent more money for it if the condition for restoring the listed building had not existed," said Nick Baucher of Hillier Parker, the agents who negotiated the deal. "We had several people very interested in the site, but they backed off when English Heritage insisted on the restoration."

Paul Drury, of English Heritage, said the policy changed partly because water had severely damaged the fabric of the remains of the building and 60 per cent of it needed to be replaced. "If we stuck by the need for conservation we would have been left with a replica of an Edwardian building with a large, useless hall sitting incongruously in the middle of a very ugly office block," he said.

"We thought about it last February and came to the conclusion that the City would be far better served if the site were developed with a high-quality, modern building."

He added: "This should start a debate about the future of London. Trafalgar House commissioned Sir Norman Foster to design a building for the site, which was doubled in size by the acquisition of adjoining properties. His plans, which are to being submitted for consent in the middle of next month, are for a 1,003ft, 90-storey building providing 2 million square feet of space.

Building the skyscraper would cost an estimated £550 million. If the entire building could be let at £35 per sq ft, the average level in the City at present, it would produce annual rental income of £70 million. The Civil Aviation Authority has no objections to such a high building, but the scale of the proposal means that the Environment Secretary, and the Royal Fine Arts Commission would need to give their approval. English Heritage would still have to give permission to demolish the remains of the Baltic Exchange.

Foster: his plans go for approval next month

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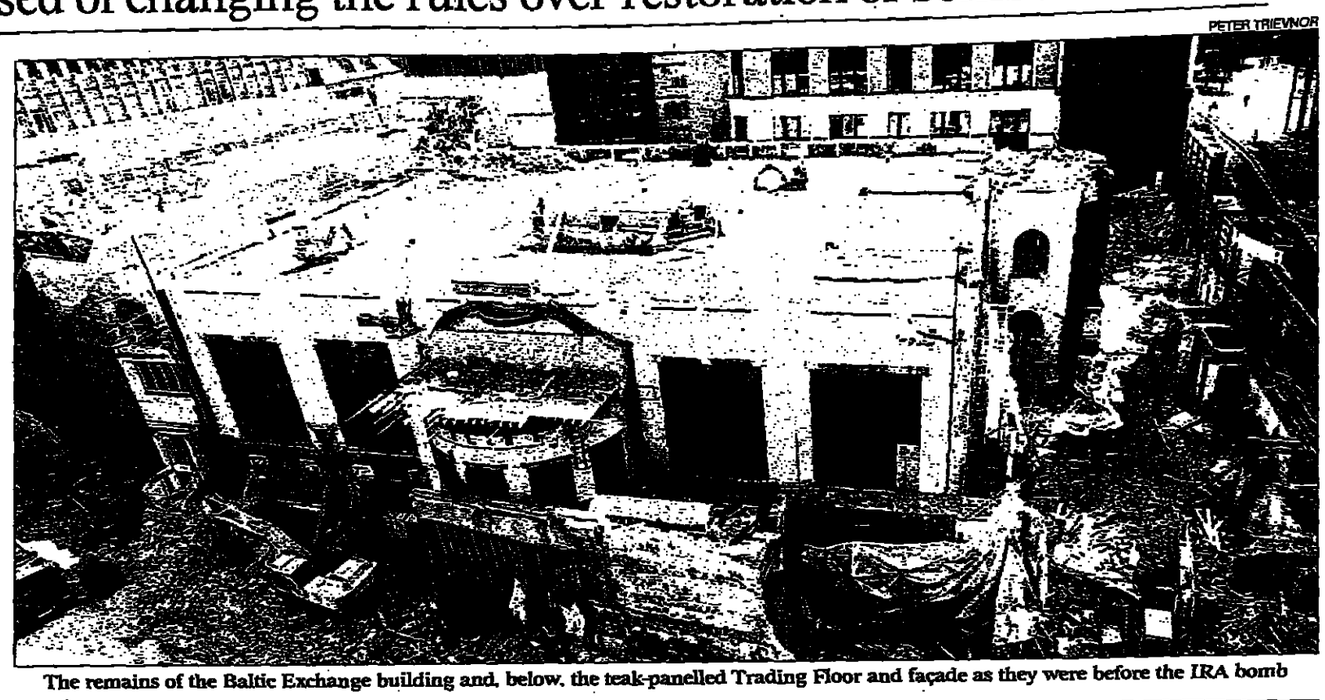

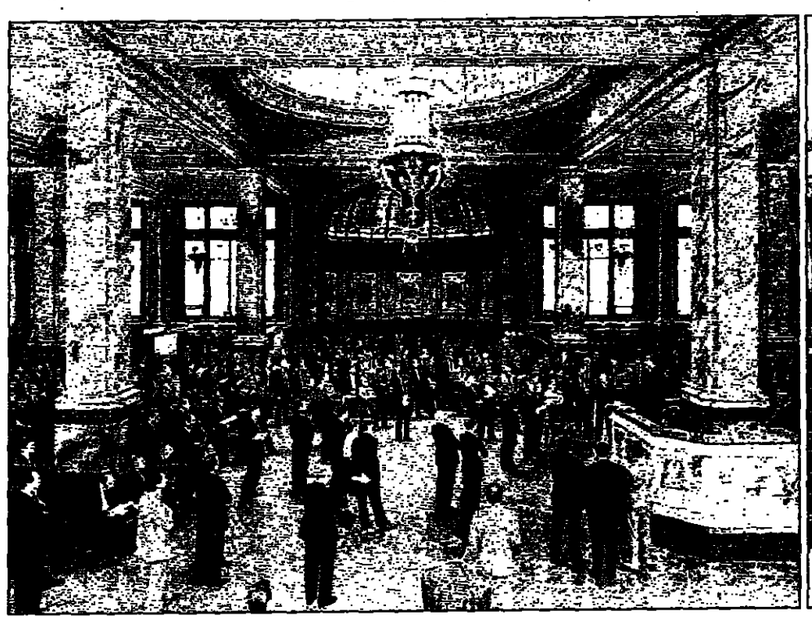

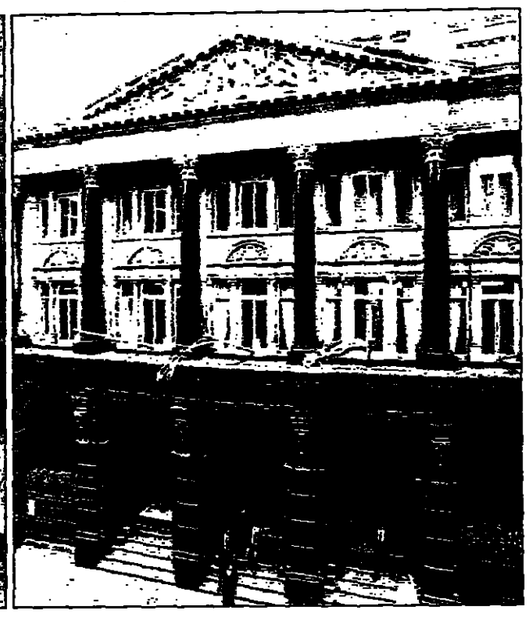

The remains of the Baltic Exchange building and, below, the teak-panelled Trading Floor and façade as they were before the IRA bomb

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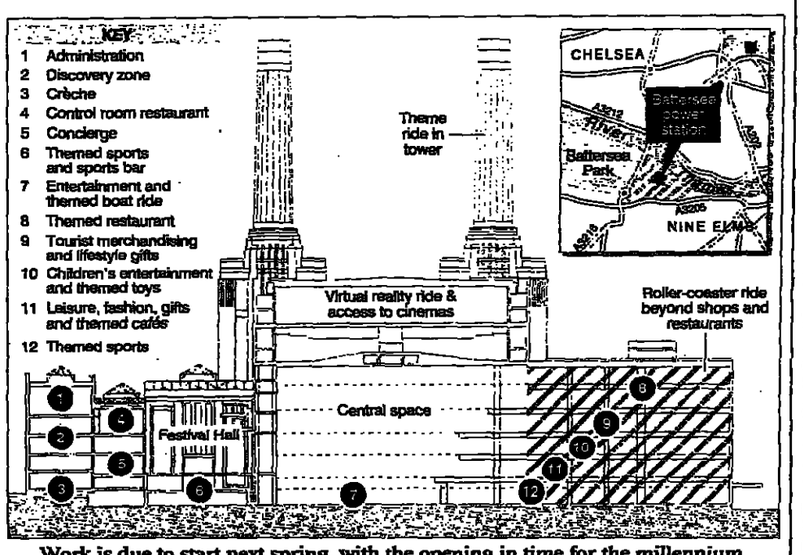

Work is due to start next spring, with the opening in time for the millennium

Leisure gives landmark new life

By Rachel Kelly

MORE than 13 years after Battersea power station closed, plans for a £200 million conversion into a leisure centre with a 32-screen cinema have been published.

The scheme for the art deco landmark on the south of the Thames and its 31-acre site includes a theatre, a shopping centre, at least ten themed restaurants, a "discovery zone" for children and a ride up one of the chimneys. The proposals have been backed by planners at Wandsworth council, and construction is expected to begin next spring with completion in time for the millennium.

The developer is Parkview, a Hong Kong property company. Partners in the scheme are BAA, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Really Useful Group, and Gordon Group, which owns the Caesar's Forum shopping complex in Las Vegas.

In 1986 the council granted planning permission for a similar scheme by Battersea Leisure, which went into liquidation.

The mansion buyer who lives in dreams

By Robin Young

A HOAXER is giving nightmares to estate agents selling dream homes, by agreeing to buy £500,000 properties and then disappearing.

The East Anglian branch of the National Association of Estate Agents has circulated a warning to members with a description of the phantom purchaser and his family. Casually but expensively dressed, well-spoken and driving a new top-of-the-range car, he has struck at least seven times in Suffolk and Norfolk.

The middle-aged man, his younger wife and sometimes their daughter visit properties and enthusiastically begin a purchase. Guy Jenkinson, East Anglian chairman of the association and a partner in an Ipswich agency, said: "This man is causing terrible problems. He approached a dozen agents in the region who all handle substantial country properties and the pattern is the same. He makes an offer, has a survey carried out and instructs solicitors, but then disappears.

"It is not just the question of unpaid professional fees but the emotional distress it causes to vendors. It is most unsavoury. He uses several different names but we are taking legal advice to see what we can do about him."

At the Ipswich branch of Strutt and Parker, Tom Orford said: "I am afraid we were completely taken in. This chap is very plausible."

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Ravenscraig steelworks goes up in smoke

Thousands watched as part of Scotland's industrial heritage disappeared in a bang and a cloud of smoke yesterday. Three cooling towers and two gasholders at the Ravenscraig steelworks in Motherwell were demolished in a series of explosions lasting six seconds. Ravenscraig opened in 1957, had a peak workforce of 7,000 and closed in June 1992.

Gang warfare

A housing estate was cordoned off after a fight between rival gangs. Police were called to the Coffee Hall area of Milton Keynes after reports of fighting in the street. Arrests were made and some people were taken to hospital, police said.

Boy dies after fall

An 11-year-old boy was killed when he fell through the roof of a derelict building, police said yesterday. The boy, who has not yet been named, was playing with two friends in Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Saturday and died in hospital after the fall.

Spy relic for sale

A prewar German spy camera the size of a matchbox is to be auctioned for about £7,000 next month. The camera, one of only three known, bears the Nazi eagle and dates from 1938. It has been sent from central Europe for sale at Christie's, London.

Lean year

One in two people cut their meat consumption last year, the research group Market Assessment Publications said. Of those, two thirds said they did it partly to lose weight, a third cited food scares and an eighth gave ethical reasons.

Council cash plea

Hampshire County Council, facing a bill of £18.5 million after the High Court ruled that it must meet the costs of a fire claim, is appealing to the Government for help. The council says it will have to cut back on repairs to schools and roads.

Ecstasy arrests

Two men have been arrested after Ecstasy tablets worth £½ million were found in the boot of a car stopped by police on the M4 between Reading and Maidenhead. The men, aged 26 and 44, were travelling from Swansea to London.

Crash kills three

A man died and his fiancée was seriously injured after joyriders fleeing from police smashed into their car. Andrew Scott, 24, died in the crash on the A52 near Skegness. Two 17-year-olds, passengers in a stolen Montego, also died.

Heart to heart

Families of children awaiting heart transplants are to share information and advice through a new national charity, Heart Transplant Families Together, which has the support of medical staff at paediatric transplant units.

Floundering feet

About 300 barefoot fishermen fought for the world flounder-tramping championship at Palnackie, Dumfries & Galloway. They had to find the fish using their feet, then spear them. Andy Ross, 46, won with a 2lb 6oz specimen.

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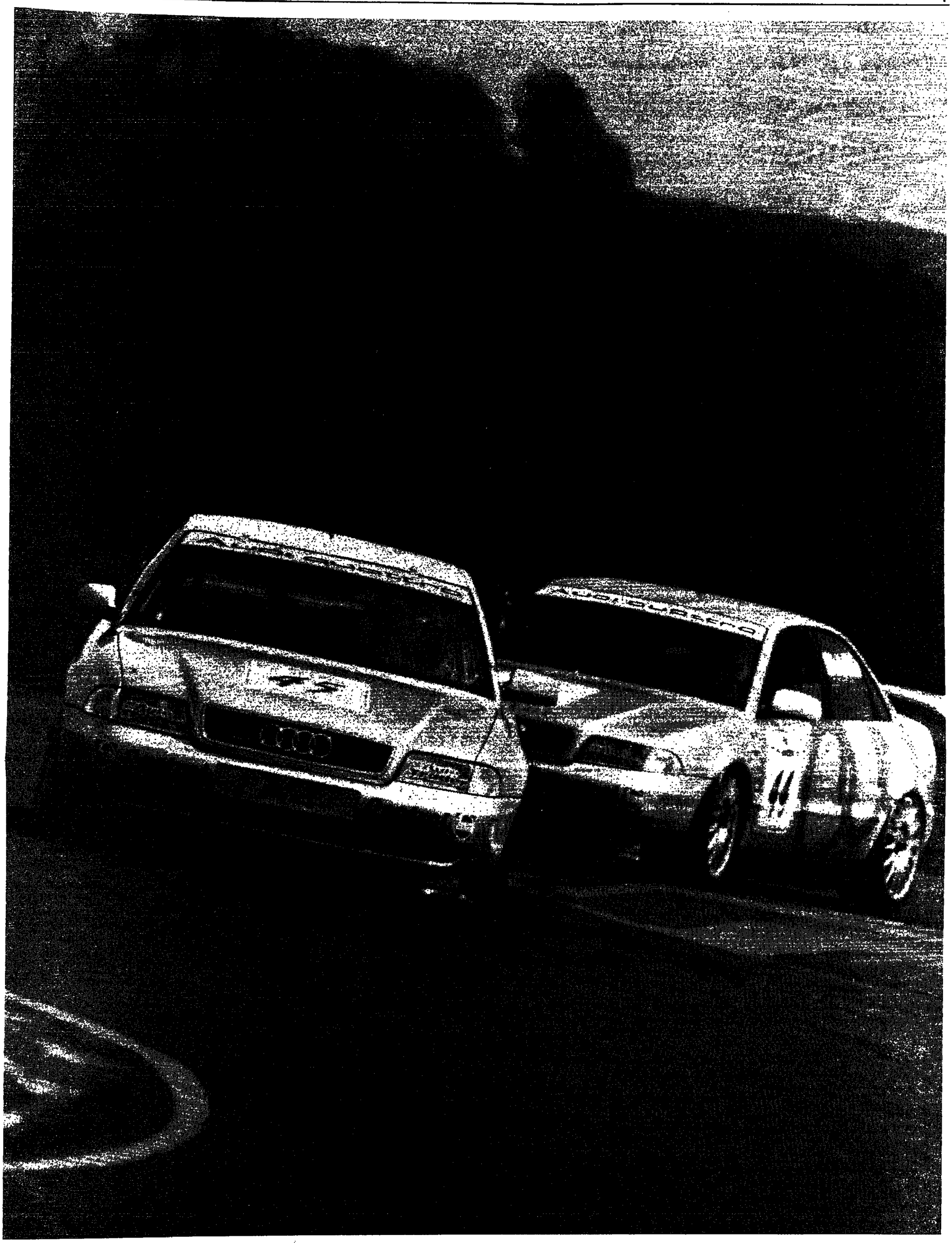

The burning question on the track this year. Who will come third?

The Audi A4 quattro team have just scored another first and second place in their opening year at the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship. Not exactly the most surprising result when you recall the quattro's domination of the rallying scene in the eighties. But even if we've made the race results a bit predictable, the car itself is more thrilling than it's ever been.

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Plan to dump waste under sea may cut global warming

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

A WAY of reducing global warming has been proposed by scientists who have found that rocks under the North Sea can act as giant pollution reservoirs, locking away emissions for millions of years.

Power stations in northern Europe produce about 950 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year — a third of all emissions of the main global warming gas.

Experts at the government-funded British Geological Survey calculate that sandstones, rocky formations abundant in the North Sea, have enough capacity to store 800 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide (a gigatonne is 1,000 million tonnes) — almost 800 years' output at existing rates.

Under the plan carbon dioxide will be extracted from the exhaust fumes at power plants and then piped as a "supercritical" liquid to one of several dump sites 800 metres deep. Here the pollution would remain safely trapped for "hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of years", the scientists claim, more than enough time for mankind to develop greener economies and end its dependence on coal and oil. Some of the first disposal sites are likely to be old oil and gas fields that have the right geology. The carbon dioxide will displace oil residues, making them cost-effective to recover.

Tests are already being carried out by Statoil, the Norwegian oil company and a member of the research team, at the Sleiper Vest gas field in the centre of the North Sea.

Scientists, environmentalists and leading insurance companies are warning of worldwide catastrophe and escalating costs from weather-related disasters unless global warming is tackled urgently.

Some nations, such as Denmark, are backing alternative energies such as wind power. Others, such as Australia, favour planting more trees to soak up carbon dioxide. In Britain natural gas, which has replaced coal in electricity generation, is likely to run out early in the next century. As the Far East industrialises, carbon gas emissions will rise.

As evidenced at the recent United Nation's climate change summit in Geneva, governments still disagree over the best way forward.

The survey scientists, working with researchers in five countries, including the Netherlands and Germany, were asked on behalf of the European Commission to study the disposal of carbon gases from power plants.

Dumping under the sea is "viable and technically feasible, and when compared with other options, is not outrageously expensive", said Professor Bob Harrison of Sunderland University. The main cost — separation of the CO_2 at the power stations — will fall if separators are built into new plants.

GILL ALLEN

Holding their breath: visitors at the Titan Arum yesterday during the last hours before the flowering

Waiting for the wonder of phew gardens

BRITAIN has seen nothing like it for 33 years, nor smelt anything quite like it either. So when the world's largest flower finally blooms today at Kew, the expected crowds will be torn between getting close enough to admire the 3ft-wide bloom and getting away fast enough from an overpowering perfume, whose stench is said to resemble most closely rotting garbage or flesh.

The Royal Botanical Gardens is expecting hundreds of extra visitors for the two-day flowering of the two-metre *Titan Arum* in the Princess of Wales Conservatory. The plant was obtained from Germany in 1994. Others flowered at Kew in 1901, 1926 and 1963. Assistant curator Jenny Evans doubts if many will get near enough to appreciate the bell-shaped bloom fully: "It depends how strong a stomach you've got."

Plastic homes for poor of the world

By Emma Wilkins

A SYSTEM of plastic homes complete with slot-in rooms, invented by a British businessman, may help to alleviate housing problems in the Third World.

Duncan Brown, 50, who runs his own company from Ightham, Kent, has signed a deal with the chief minister of the state of Bihar in northern India to provide 500 housing units for local villages.

The homes, called Environs, cost between £3,000-£8,000 each and are made from ingredients including plastic waste and micro-dust particles. Mr Brown said they were tough, cheap, termite-proof and did not rot.

Mr Brown, whose grandfather founded the family firm in the 1930s, came up with the idea for the homes while on a business trip to India three years ago. Each one-storey house takes three men three days to erect. The smallest can house three to four people. He is also negotiating with The Philippines and South Africa.

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Pollution fears as old cars stay on road longer

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

MOTORISTS are shunning new cars to drive around in polluting old bangers. A report published today shows that sales of cars nine years old or more grew by 146 per cent in four years, accounting for a third of the used-car market last year.

Those cars can pump out four times more pollution from their tailpipes than new models, even if they are well maintained, the motor industry says. Fewer old cars are being scrapped while sales of new cars — fitted with equipment such as catalytic converters, which soak up 90 per cent of toxic exhaust fumes — are stagnant. That means that the growing number of bangers is adding to pollution which causes breathing difficulties for millions of children and adults.

An investigation for ADT Auctions, Britain's biggest car auctions business, shows that used-car sales reached a record 7.9 million last year, worth £23.3 billion. This was an increase of 14.5 per cent on 1994, up 43 per cent since 1992. Sales of new cars reached only 1.9 million.

ADT says that more than 2.4 million cars over nine years old were sold last year, usually as private sales, as motorists looked for cheap family transport.

Nicholas Scholes, a part-time dealer from Uxbridge, Middlesex, said: "People want to buy a car for their son or daughter which is cheap to buy and insure, a factor which is now very important. They might want a second car for their wives, but they don't want to spend more than £1,000, which is the psychological price barrier.

"If they can find something that is in good shape, has an MoT and is about £500, they are happy. They just want to get from A to B and then use it and throw it away when it won't go any more."

But they are the buyers that worry motoring organisations, environmentalists and motor industry executives, who say that the oldest 10 per cent of cars on the road cause half the pollution.

Graham Dymott, spokesman for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "There is a case that new car buyers are penalised because they have to pay for a catalytic converter, a modern electronic engine management system and other equipment to make their cars clean when anyone can buy an old banger and not worry about pollution."

The average price for all used cars sold last year was just £2,950 — less than a third the cost of a hatchback bought new. ADT's Used-Car Market Report says: "Better design and build quality and greater longevity are factors. A ten-year-old car built in 1985 will have benefited from more sophisticated engineering compared to a ten-year-old car built in 1975 or even 1980."

Patricia and Romona Maguire on the pilgrimage

Pilgrims renew faith on Croagh Patrick

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

CHRISTIANS atoning for their sins or praying for the sick and the dead made the annual pilgrimage up Croagh Patrick in bare feet yesterday.

About 30,000 people clambered to the top of the 2,510ft mountain in Co Mayo, where St Patrick is believed to have spent 40 days and nights in prayer 1,500 years ago. Most of the climbers wore footwear for the steep and often slippery climb, but the ardent went barefoot, starting at dawn.

At the summit, Mass was held every half-hour from 8am till 3pm in a whitewashed oratory. Many of the walkers were in Sunday suits and carried soft drinks to sustain them through the three-mile climb.

It was the first time in six years that Patricia Maguire and her 19-year-old daughter, Romona, from Co Fermanagh, had gone on the pilgrimage without their young neighbour, Leo Cosgrave, killed recently in a motorbike accident. They walked in bare feet yesterday in memory of Mr Cosgrave and Mrs Maguire's late mother. Their feet went numb from pain.

"It shows them we are thinking of them. It is our penance for them and they are helping us to get to the top because we say their name with every second step," Romona said.

Members of many Christian denominations meet on the mountain. John McDermott, 72, of Kilmovee, Co Mayo, has been climbing the mountain for the past [illegible] years, as his father did before him. "I have done it so many times, I must have guaranteed myself a place in Heaven," he said.

Preserved tissue from victims of 1918 flu outbreak may provide link with fatal neurological illnesses

Scientists fear worldwide brain disease epidemic

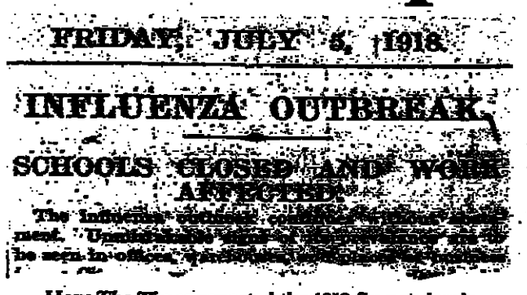
By Jeremy Laurance

A UNIQUE collection of human brains that has been stored in a hospital vault for more than 70 years could provide a clue to the cause of one of the worst global epidemics the world has seen.

Scientists at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, east London, believe that genetic analysis of the samples will help public health authorities to prepare for the next flu pandemic. The one in 1918 killed more than 20 million people.

They say that the investigation is essential to answer the question of whether the flu virus can attack the brain, raising the prospect of an epidemic of neurological illness triggered by flu.

The 1918 pandemic was followed by outbreaks of *encephalitis lethargica* in the 1920s, the sleeping sickness made famous by Oliver Sacks in his book *Awakenings* — filmed by Penny Marshall with Robert de Niro and Robin Williams — and of Parkinson's disease in the 1930s. Scientists have long suspected the diseases were linked with the earlier flu pandemic, but until now have lacked the technical means to confirm it.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How *The Times* reported the 1918 flu pandemic

There have been three flu pandemics this century: in 1918, 1957 and 1968. The next is overdue. John Oxford, Professor of Virology at the Royal London, who is leading the research, said: "Everyone is worried we are going to get another pandemic and it has reawakened anxieties about 1918. We need to know more about it. I would guess there was something odd about that virus."

The research team is analysing sections of lung and brain preserved from victims of pneumonia in the 1918 outbreak and in the subsequent outbreaks of encephalitis and Parkinson's disease.

Using the technique of polymerase chain reaction, they aim to identify the flu genes and reconstitute the virus. "If we find flu genes in the brain samples it will confirm that the diseases are linked. That would add another worry about a new strain of pandemic flu: that it could be neurovirulent [attacking the brain] as well as pneumo-virulent [attacking the lungs]. It would mean we would have to take it very seriously."

Governments were doing too little to plan for the next flu pandemic. "It is one thing to produce pieces of paper, but one could do more than that. We could sensibly deduce which viral strains could be in the next pandemic and produce experimental vaccines."

Professor Oxford, whose study is part funded by the Parkinson's Disease Society, is appealing for donations of tissue preserved from the early decades of the century to assist the research. Samples have already been sent to the Royal London Hospital from Prague and more are being collected from Istanbul. "We are worried that the evidence is being thrown out just as we have acquired the techniques to analyse them. At the Royal London, all the clinical records, the post-mortem books and the pathology reports are preserved. It is amazing."

He dismissed fears that the reconstitued virus might escape, triggering a fresh pandemic. He said there was no danger because of the difficulty of recreating the whole virus. "I will be content if we can find the virulent gene. That will tell us if the 1918 gene was something special."

The flu virus has eight genes, two or three of which control the level of its virulence. It is constantly mutating, creating new strains, which accounts for its capacity to cause epidemics year after year. Occasionally the virus undergoes a more dramatic change, giving it a renewed capacity to attack human cells and causing the pandemics.

GILL ALLEN

Professor John Oxford looks for the flu virus in a brain section from the vault at the Royal London Hospital

Prisoners flee with help from outside

THREE prisoners were on the run last night after escaping with outside help. A hole was cut through a perimeter fence for them to crawl to freedom, and transport is believed to have been waiting.

The escape at 9.45am from the low-security Stocken prison, Leicestershire, was discovered soon afterwards. Police launched a search using dogs and a helicopter, but found no trace of the men.

The category C prison houses about 300 inmates. The three fugitives were named as Richard Keating, 23, from Birmingham, serving six years for possession of firearms and robbery; James McDonagh, 37, from Milton Keynes, serving 4½ years for theft; and John Moughan, 34, from London, serving four years for theft.

A prison spokesman said: "This escape was well-planned. The men made good their escape from the area very quickly."

The Prison Service has launched an inquiry into the breakout. A spokesman said that it would include a review of security.

☐ A teenager described as dangerous escaped from Low Newton remand centre in Durham by using a ladder to climb a 12ft perimeter fence, then crawling through razor wire. Shaun Cruddas, 17, was awaiting sentence for an aggravated burglary in which staff at a business premises were threatened with a knife and a club.

Viking fort found near site of Lewis chessmen

A SPECTACULAR Viking fort has been discovered on top of a remote 70ft headland only a few hundred yards from where the world's most expensive Norse chess set was unearthed.

Archaeologists from Edinburgh University started excavating the site on the Isle of Lewis a few weeks ago after a survey identified some stones on the surface as part of a wall. It soon became clear that the fort occupied the entire promontory at Crowlista on the west of the island. Paths, floors, pottery and large rectangular walls have been found.

The 78 Lewis chessmen were discovered buried in sand at Ardroil, on the other side of the bay, in 1831. The discovery of the fort reconfirms the site's importance to the Vikings, who ruled the Hebrides from the first raids in about 800 until 1266. A large Viking cemetery was discovered a few years ago six miles away at Valtos.

"This fort commands the whole of the bay and was clearly a vital part of the defence of the area," Simon Gilmour, a director of the dig, said.

Archaeologists from the University of Cardiff have meanwhile found a bone fragment bearing five letters of ogham script, believed to date from between the fourth and ninth centuries, in the Outer Hebrides. It is one of only six examples to be found in Scotland.

MIKE SCOTT

Back on track: *Blue Peter*, the 1948 steam engine

Blue Peter steams back from scrapyard

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

BRITAIN'S most powerful surviving steam locomotive has returned to the railways two years after it appeared destined for the scrapyard.

Blue Peter, one of the best-known names from the age of steam, made its comeback on the privately run North Yorkshire Moors Railway after a £60,000 refit financed largely by volunteers. The locomotive was badly damaged in 1994 when the wheels slipped at Durham station, smashing much of the undercarriage and dozens of delicate metal valves.

The accident followed a painstaking five-year restoration during which the engine was adopted by the children's television programme of the same name. Paul Hutchinson, of the North East Preservation Group, said: "I was on board as a passenger that day and witnessed it self-destruct. It was a great shock. My main thought was what a complete waste of effort."

The engine was saved by volunteers at the preservation group, by a financial contribution from British Rail and by ICI's agreement to allow restoration to be carried out in sidings at one of its chemicals works on Teesside.

It is running at weekends over the summer on the 18-mile Grosmont-to-Pickering line, on which it will complete three round trips during the day and carry Pullman dining cars on Saturday nights.

Blue Peter, the sole remaining Class A2 Pacific engine, was built in Doncaster in 1948 and named after that year's Derby winner.

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CHANGING TIMES

Good ship EU sails nonchalantly into the 'flexibility' minefield

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

Do we mind if an inner "hard core" of states forges ahead towards a federal Europe? Last Thursday, the Cabinet committee handling European matters began, under Malcolm Rifkind's chairmanship, to answer the question at the heart of EU politics for the next few years.

The ministers were broadly agreed that a hard core probably would emerge and that, under certain conditions, that might not be a bad thing. Some Euro-sceptic ministers welcome the idea, reasoning that anything which promises Britain more wiggle room inside the EU must be good news.

No EU politician of any stripe uses tactless language about a hard-core Europe in public any more. A couple of senior German Christian Democrats used the phrase out loud in 1994 and the tremor could be felt from Copenhagen to Corinth. People talk instead about "flexibility", which sounds like the sort of motherhood-and-apple-pie idea of which everybody can approve.

This harmony is possible only because nobody has yet defined the question, let alone found an answer. But the French and German governments have promised, over the next few months, to say how they want to engineer more flexible EU machinery. Expect detailed proposals in time for the EU summits in Dublin in October or December. At that point, the narcoleptic inter-governmental conference to revise the Maastricht treaty might burst into life.

The French would like a general licence written into the treaty, allowing groups of states which want to move ahead of the others to do so without any need for every other government to agree. New wording would be needed to qualify Article C, which emphasises the "consistency" of everything the EU does. Majority-vote mechanisms for decisions on health, industrial policy, research and development, joint foreign policy and immigration would be inserted in the relevant places. The Germans go along with most of this, but are wary of anything that might turn the single market back into several markets.

They are especially nervous of the French enthusiasm for having an "enhanced" industrial policy inside an inner group. Since *politique industrielle* usually means state subsidies, a French-led industrial club risks being expensive and making large bumps in what is supposed to be the level playing field of rules against unfair competition and state aid.

At least half the EU governments have doubts about some or all of these plans. Britain will oppose anything that weakens its veto power over such changes. No other government has signalled any desire to gratify the British Euro-sceptic desire to "repatriate" powers to national governments.

Beyond those snags lie minefields sown with lesser disagreements already raised by the British opt-out from the Social Chapter but easily ignored until now because there is little EU social law in preparation. The most important is: who pays the bills?

What may be written off as a technical adjustment or a natural evolution is neither: "flexibility" is a revolution in the making. France and Germany see it as a way of breaking free from British and Scandinavian anti-federalism and from the gridlocks they fear when Central European states join the game. Mr Major sees a flexible EU as something easier to live with.

But the Prime Minister's vision has always been a multi-speed gearbox: different EU members can take policies at the pace which suit them. But how many gears will the engine have? The creation of a single currency offers France and Germany an opportunity to try to set only two speeds: a fast inner core which can accelerate away from the rest. If the single currency group also unites politically, other alliances will count for less. A monetary union across the channel may not be a particularly flexible friend.

GEORGE BROCK

Key Paris terror suspect killed in Algeria ambush

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Algerian terrorist leader suspected of masterminding last summer's bombing campaign in France has been killed in an ambush after an internal power struggle within the Armed Islamic Group (GIA).

Djamel Zitouni, alias Abou Abderrahmane Amine, was killed on July 16 near the town of Medea, 45 miles south of Algiers, by "enemies of Islam", a GIA statement said. It was not immediately clear whether those responsible were Algerian security forces, a rival Islamic fundamentalist group or Zitouni's former GIA comrades.

Differences within the group, the most militant of Algerian fundamentalist factions, erupted over the murder of seven French Trappist monks in May, and earlier this month Zitouni was ousted as "emir" of the GIA by its "consultative council". Two days after his death, the movement appointed Antar Zouabri, his principal lieutenant, as the new GIA chief, the statement said.

Zitouni, in his thirties, was suspected of ordering the most violent terrorist actions of the Algerian rebel insurgency in recent years, including the bombing campaign in France, the murder of the monks and the hijacking of an Air France Airbus on Christmas Eve, 1994. The GIA expressed its "horror" at Zitouni's death "after he fell into a trap near Medea on July 16 before sunset. Two other brothers who accompanied him were also killed."

The son of a chicken salesman from the Algiers suburbs, Zitouni was one of thousands of Islamic fundamentalists arrested by the military authorities in 1992. He took control of the GIA in October 1994, immediately launching a jihad (holy war) against French and Algerian targets.

Security sources in Paris said the statement announcing his death appeared to be genuine. The communiqué, signed by Redouane Muhammad Abu Bassir, another GIA leader, vowed to continue the armed struggle against the Algerian Government that has raged since 1992 when the authorities cancelled elections which fundamentalists were poised to win.

Zitouni: lost power over terror tactics

Last year's bombing campaign in France, intended to force Paris to cut off aid to its former colony, killed eight people and injured 160.

Power struggles within the GIA, and with the rival Islamic Salvation Army and the new militant Islamic Movement, have been heightened by President Zeroual's offer of political dialogue with the more moderate elements of the Islamic opposition.

☐ Paris: The Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) said one of its members was tortured to death in Algeria after he was extradited by Belgium, and that his family was tortured or harassed.

Dozens of other Algerians face similar extraditions from European capitals, the FIS said in a statement. There was no immediate comment from the Belgian or Algerian governments.

Ben Othman Bouathria requested political asylum in Belgium in October last year after he was sentenced to death in Algeria. But Brussels repatriated him on July 15, the FIS said. *(AP)*

Arrested Basque 'obtained explosives'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SPANISH police are "absolutely certain" that an Eta member arrested last week near Paris was the man responsible for procuring and distributing explosives for the Basque guerrilla group's recent bombing campaign in several coastal resorts. One explosion, at Tarragona's Reus airport, injured 24 British tourists, three of them seriously.

Daniel Derguy, a French citizen of Basque origin, was arrested by gendarmes last Tuesday in the Paris suburb of Villejuif. He is a close associate of Julián Atxurra Egurola, alias Pototo, Eta's third in command and logistics mastermind, who was arrested on the same day in southwestern France.

The Spanish Civil Guard has always believed that M Derguy was one of the brains behind this summer's campaign, the execution of which has been left to young, recently recruited activists. He is believed to have planned and conducted the last serious anti-tourist campaign, in the summer of 1993, when resorts near Valencia and Alicante were bombed. M Derguy's associate that year, María Nagore Múgica, was arrested by the French police on May 29 near Paris.

M Derguy and Señora Múgica had rented a caravan in 1993 in Toulouse under false names and toured the Spanish Levant region with a large quantity of explosives, leaving a trail of destruction. This year's campaign is believed to be similar in nature, with an "itinerant command", posing as tourists, moving from resort to resort.

Bombs have exploded this summer at Málaga, Almuñecar, Granada and Jaén, in Andalusia, as well as at the popular resort of Salou on the Catalan Costa Brava. The explosion at Reus airport was the bloodiest so far.

In a separate development, Jean-Louis Debré, the French Interior Minister, and Jaime Mayor Oreja, his Spanish counterpart, have agreed to set up monthly co-ordination meetings between the anti-terrorist units of both countries' police. The agreement is the product of unprecedentedly close co-operation between France and Spain in the fight against Eta.

Russian sailors shape up as a warrant officer checks their bearing for a naval parade in Sevastopol, Ukraine, yesterday to mark the navy's 300th birthday

Lebed laments the 'shame' of Russian naval decline

FROM REUTER IN ST PETERSBURG

RUSSIA paraded its naval might in St Petersburg before the world's biggest seafaring nations yesterday to mark the 300th anniversary of the foundation of its fleet.

Thousands of tourists and locals marvelled at warships from Russia, Britain, America, France, Canada, India, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands and Finland.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who took the place of President Yeltsin — resting at a sanatorium near Moscow — said from the decks of the *Smolny* warship: "No one should doubt that Russia will have a fleet meeting the most modern demands, a powerful and complete fleet which is able to fulfil any task."

But the swooping fighter jets, booming battleship guns and crackling fireworks belied the real state of Russia's military fleet, which is in dire straits. A decade ago, about 480,000 Russian navy personnel ran a force of 370 submarines — 50 of them nuclear — and had 290 main warships and 700 minor attack boats. According to Western estimates, staffing is down to 270,000, submarine numbers have been slashed and the main warship fleet totals about 150.

In Moscow, General Alexander Lebed, the Security Council chief, was quoted by the Tass news agency as saying that the anniversary evoked a "dual feeling". Apart from pride in the fleet's history, Russians felt "sadness and shame at how far we have fallen, in what state and condition the fleet today greets its great festivity", he said.

WORLD SUMMARY

£1bn legal row over casino

Athens: The Greek Government has been summoned by a federal court in America to respond to a $1.6 billion (£1 billion) lawsuit claiming damages after Athens revoked a licence to build and operate a new private casino, legal sources said yesterday.

The summons — issued in Washington — gives the Greek Tourist Ministry 60 days to respond. The suit is brought by Marrecon Enterprises which had an 8 per cent interest in the cancelled project. It was in a consortium with four Greek firms that paid $44 million in January 1995 for the licence to build a casino, convention centre, hotel and marina in an Athens seaside suburb. The licence was revoked by the Tourist Minister. *(Reuter)*

President has heart surgery

Lisbon: Doctors said President Sampaio of Portugal was recovering well after open heart surgery to remove a potentially dangerous aneurism on Saturday (Peter Collins writes). João Queiroz e Melo, the head of the operating team, said he expected it would be possible to move the Socialist President from intensive care unit today. In January, the 57-year-old former Mayor of Lisbon became Portugal's youngest President in recent years, but fears he might have to retire were aroused when a heart condition was diagnosed in April.

Fatal slip in bullring

Madrid: A *banderillero* (dartsman) was gored to death by a 1,000lb bull in the bullring in Valencia at the weekend (Tunku Varadarajan writes). José Gásquez, 48, married with two children, was dead before he reached hospital. The bull's horns had pierced his lungs. Señor Gásquez slipped as he ran towards the bull to place two colourful spikes between the beast's shoulder blades. After the death, the presiding officer called an end to the *corrida* as a mark of respect.

Action to save dumped babies

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia has proposed a baby bank be set up to take unwanted newborns with no questions asked after a number of children were found abandoned, some dead. It also called for stricter parental control of teenagers and a return to Muslim values. Those backing the idea said it would reduce infanticides by unmarried mothers who felt pressured by society to remove babies quietly. *(Reuter)*

Gagged deportees taken off jet after passengers protest

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MADRID

THE deportation of 16 illegal African immigrants was postponed by Spain yesterday after passengers on the same flight protested that the deportees were bound and gagged.

It was the second embarrassing incident for immigration authorities in less than a week. On Thursday, Amnesty International condemned the Government after the disclosure that sedatives had been used secretly to facilitate the mass deportation of 103 refugees, mostly African, earlier this month. Yesterday's incident took place on a scheduled Iberia airlines flight to Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

According to Madrid police, passengers were upset to see that the deportees were gagged and bound. There were further protests when those being deported began to scream, spit and vomit from their seats.

The 16, who were being guarded by more than a dozen private security guards hired by Iberia, were subsequently removed from the plane. The statement said that when police went to collect the 16 early yesterday morning, the deportees had barricaded their room in the airport and stripped naked.

The deportees — nine from Nigeria, five from South Africa and two from Cameroon — had arrived from Malabo on July 21 carrying false passports and seeking political asylum. The asylum petitions were later denied after the authorities said they found no basis for the immigrants' claims of being politically persecuted in their home countries.

The 16 are expected to be deported within the next week.

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Iranians enter Iraq to shell Kurds

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN ARBIL, IRAQ

TWO THOUSAND Iranian troops have launched an incursion into northern Iraq to attack Iranian Kurdish guerrilla bases, a rebel group said yesterday.

The Iraqi-based Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (DPIK) said that the soldiers, armed with light and heavy artillery, had pushed 30 miles across the border.

Iran did not confirm the intervention, but said that it shelled rebel positions inside Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq yesterday to try to halt cross-border attacks. An unnamed army commander said that at least eight people were killed by the shelling.

Iraq-Iran border tension has risen in recent months, with Iranian troops massing in the northwest to counter Iranian Kurdish rebel raids. Taymoor Mustafay, a DPIK spokesman in the northern Iraqi town of Arbil, said: "Three days ago, 200 Iranian vehicles arrived with more than 2,000 Iranian soldiers, loaded with heavy and light weapons."

He added that the troops had crossed the border, via the Mareewan-Bahsmag post near Sulaymaniyah province, and pushed south to Koi Sanjaq late on Saturday before attacking DPIK camps.

Turkish prisoners halt ten-week hunger strike

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

A LAST-MINUTE change of heart to yield to prisoners' demands rather than use force to end a hunger strike in Turkey's jails will have saved scores of lives, according to negotiators who helped to end the ten-week protest.

As late as Friday, Sevket Kazan, the Minister of Justice, announced that the Government was left with little option than to storm the jails. By Saturday, however, it decided to give in to the protesters' main outstanding demand that some 100 prisoners who had been transferred to a maximum security prison in Eskisehir be allowed to return to Istanbul.

Yasar Kemal, the novelist, and Zulfu Livaneli, a pop song writer, were among those who volunteered to go into Istanbul's Bayrampasa prison to talk to the protest leaders. The news that the hunger strike was over came too late to save a prisoner in Bursa, who died on his way to hospital early yesterday. He was the twelfth hunger striker to die. Two policemen were killed last week in drive-by shootings, which were believed to be in retaliation for deaths of hunger strikers.

Doctors were yesterday trying to save the lives of more than 20 prisoners in critical conditions who were among 150 inmates taken to hospital in waiting ambulances when the protest was over.

Mr Livaneli, who spent ten hours inside Bayrampasa, said that an attempt to remove the prisoners to hospital by force would have provoked rioting and many more deaths.

☐ Bonn: Turkish properties in several parts of Germany were firebombed at the weekend. Police suspect that supporters of the hunger strikers were behind the attacks. *(Reuter)*

A Turkish hunger striker at Bayrampasa prison in Istanbul is taken to hospital yesterday after talks helped to end the protest

Australians fear second backpack killer is at large

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

JUST 24 hours after Ivan Milat was sentenced to life in prison for killing seven backpackers, speculation was increasing yesterday that a second backpacker murderer is still at large in Australia.

Press reports said the files remained open because police investigating the case believed there was more than one murderer. Two Australian hitch-hikers, Deborah Balken and Gillian Jamieson, who went missing in 1980 near where the seven murdered backpackers were found, are thought to be buried in the same area.

In a related development yesterday, a former senior detective who had been involved in the murder inquiry accused the police of bungling part of the investigation. In an attack on the way Task Force Air, which organised the manhunt, overlooked important clues. Paul Gordon claimed that the operation was fraught with flaws and mistakes, and crucial information from Paul Onions, a British tourist, had been largely ignored.

A statement by Mr Onions, who was kidnapped by Milat in 1990, was lost by police. When he rang them in 1993 to remind them of his experience, they took five months to return his call.

The police also failed to look back over old records, which showed that Milat had been acquitted of rape in 1974 on the same stretch of road where the seven murdered backpackers were picked up. Only when Mr Gordon drew it to the attention of other officers around April 1994 did they begin to home in on Milat.

The former detective, who was sacked from Task Force Air after commenting to the media about his discovery, also revealed that the police missed a valuable opportunity to establish whether anybody else was involved in the murders by not tapping Milat's phone earlier than two days before his arrest in May 1994. "If there was more than one killer — and that's possible — we would have got better evidence had it been run better," Mr Gordon said in an interview on Australia's Channel Nine television.

During the trial of Milat, who was sentenced to life imprisonment at the weekend for the brutal murders of the seven hitch-hikers, including Britons Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters, the judge said he believed that more than one person had been involved in the killings. The defence tried to implicate two of Milat's brothers, Richard and Walter, who have both denied involvement.

Richard Milat admitted last night that he had heard he might be arrested, but protested his innocence. "I had nothing to do with it and I never knew nothing about it," he said.

Mr Onions, the only backpacker to stare down the barrel of Ivan Milat's gun and live, last night gave a chilling account of his experience. Speaking for the first time since he identified the 51-year-old roadworker in court as the man who pulled a revolver on him, he described what happened after Milat gave him a lift in January 1990.

He became suspicious when Milat kept slowing down. Eventually the killer pulled over only a few hundred yards from the entrance to the Belanglo State Forest, where the seven backpackers were murdered between 1989 and 1992. "You have two sides of your brain, and one side was saying I should be happy this guy's given me a lift, and the other was saying something doesn't feel right here," Mr Onions told Australian television's *Sixty Minutes*.

He had his suspicions confirmed when Milat produced a revolver. "I said, 'What's wrong? Please, calm down, mate.' The next minute he pulled this rope from under the seat and that scared me more than the gun.

"I thought, this is going to take a bit of time, he's going to do whatever he wants." Mr Onions then leapt from Milat's car and ran along the hard shoulder of the Sydney to Melbourne motorway.

"I was obviously panicking and I heard him say, 'Stop, else I'll shoot.' Then I heard the gun go off and it was like a massive jolt to my system — you knew it was real."

After several attempts to flag down a lift, Mr Onions threw himself in front of an oncoming camper van to force the driver to stop. "It seemed better to stop that car and get killed than go back to that vehicle and meet my end that way," he said. Fortunately the woman driver stopped, at which Milat drove off.

Mr Onions is now in line for a £350,000 reward for giving police crucial information that eventually led them to the backpacker killer and the conviction of Milat.

Ivan Milat with guns before his arrest

A bus burns in Jakarta during two days of rioting in which two people died, nearly 100 were injured and 200 arrested in the worst civil unrest against the regime of President Suharto in the Indonesian capital.

Police fire teargas to clear rioters from Jakarta streets

Yesterday police fired teargas and used canes to disperse hundreds of people, gathered at the Indonesian Democracy Party (PDI) headquarters, who were chanting anti-government slogans and lighting fires in the streets. The trouble began at dawn on Saturday when riot police, backed by troops, stormed the PDI building which had been occupied for six weeks by supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri, the party leader who was ousted by a government-backed rebel congress in June.

Later thousands of people took to the streets and set light to vehicles, a Ministry of Agriculture building, the army women's command offices, several banks, car showrooms, and an office belonging to the state-owned Pertamina oil company in the central Jakarta residential area of Salemba. Major-General Sulistyo, the Jakarta military region commander, said that one person died after falling from a burning building and another had a fatal heart attack.

Ms Sukarnoputri, the daughter of Indonesia's late founding President Sukarno, said the events were tragic but blamed the rebels for provoking the violence. "The action was an example of the abuse of power, and there should be somebody responsible for it," she said.

Political analysts say the Government backed the PDI rebels because it feared that Ms Sukarnoputri would draw votes from the ruling Golkar Party in parliamentary polls to be held next year and could stand against President Suharto in the 1998 presidential elections.

Sri Bintang Pamungkas, an opposition politician, said that the authorities' action was the "irrational fear of a regime in its twilight". A student activist said: "The people are angry about everything. The PDI has just become the trigger."

Hijackers coin it in £2m theft

Montreal: Canadian police are searching for 60 tonnes of $2 coins, valued at £2 million, stolen in a lorry hijacking.

In what the Royal Canadian mint says is the country's largest theft of coins, a gang entered a railway yard in central Montreal during the day, found a tractor-trailer carrying the 1.5 million $2 coins, and drove off.

"It was broad daylight and people didn't notice the disappearance of the truck," said Chief Inspector Robert Picard, of the Montreal police.

The truck was found in the suburbs, minus the coins, which are known as "toonies". Prospects for their recovery are not good, according to Joean-Pierre Tremblay, vice-president of manufacturing for the Canadian mint.

"There is no way of tracing the toonies because they are not numbered," he said. "We've produced and issued up to now about 225 million $2 coins [this year] and I would suspect that they are all identical." *(Reuter)*

Jaffna begins to enjoy peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAFFNA CITY

BEYOND the shattered centre of Jaffna City, with its food queues, army checkpoints, near-empty shops and war-battered vehicles, there is for the first time in years a quiet celebration of peace.

The Tamil Tigers were driven out of their mini-state late last year, and most people are glad they have gone. For the first time in five years, the flag of Sri Lanka flies over the ancient, ruined centre of Tamil civilisation. All symbols of rebel rule have disappeared: the Tigers' courthouse, which meted out rough justice; the Tigers' schools, where children were indoctrinated; the giant posters and cut-outs of combatants that lined the streets; the police stations with their "Tamil Eelam police force".

The army now patrols the city, and there is patently no great fear of them. Soldiers are generally obeying orders to treat the people well, and there are few complaints. Certainly there is maltreatment in detention centres where suspected Tigers are questioned, but most people are amazed that the rebels' warning of a pogrom if the Sinhalese-dominated army captured Jaffna turned out to be wildly wrong.

People are ready to talk of life under the Tigers, a marked change from when I visited Jaffna during rebel rule, when there was a fearful silence. To demur was to risk severe punishment: it was an intolerant dictatorship that dragooned people into war, forcing boys of 12 and 13 to take up arms and impoverishing the people with harsh taxes.

Last October, as army forces advanced, the Tigers ordered the entire population of 150,000 to evacuate. Troops occupied a ghost town that had been emptied in 24 hours at gunpoint. Hundreds of thousands of civilians from other parts of the Jaffna peninsula fled the advancing troops, and the Tigers have lost their greatest asset: a mini-state and direct control over the people.

"This is our land, our property, it is where we want to be," said K. V. Samy, 60, standing in a 50-yard queue at a security check. Many people spoke against the Tigers, accusing them of intimidation. "On October 24 they gave us one day to get out," one man recalled. "Most of us came back in May and June to rebuild our houses. There is more peace of mind now. We know we are not going to be shelled."

> ❛ I am glad to be home. We don't trust the Government but it's better than when the Tigers were here ❜

A man working in a chemist's shop — it had only a few dozen boxes of headache pills — said he was compelled to pay the Tigers 2,000 rupees (£25) a month from his meagre income. "I am glad to be home. The Government promised we would have electricity, but there still isn't any, and we have to queue for hours to get vegetables at government prices. There is no transport and they haven't started to rebuild the town. We don't trust the Government but it's better than when the Tigers were here."

Few people wanted their names published for fear of Tiger retribution. There are still many rebels in town, as attested by daily grenade attacks and shooting incidents. This explains the intense security checks, turning a short journey into an expedition of hours. Nobody can predict when Jaffna will return to civilian rule.

Some people said that they were still dreaming of an independent Tamil homeland, but most seemed ready to accept regional autonomy. The Tigers have long rejected such a compromise.

Farmers destroy Ming tomb

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PEKING

FARMERS have destroyed a Ming dynasty tomb and coffin and damaged, possibly beyond repair, a silk cloth inscribed with 1,500 characters, the Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

The tomb, discovered recently by farmers in the central province of Hubei, apparently revealed much about the history and culture of the Ming dynasty, which ruled from 1368 to 1644 and saw a flowering of arts and literature. But instead of alerting archaeologists, two local officials organised a group of farmers to excavate the tomb and its coffin, said Huang Fengchun, an archaeologist in the province.

One of the finds recovered from the farmers was a piece of silk clothing inscribed with more than 1,500 characters, but it was so damaged that some characters have been lost. The news agency did not say what the garment was used for, although candidates for the imperial examinations are known to have used underclothes covered in tiny characters as crib sheets.

Republicans try linking Clintons to 'Mob puppet'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON has found herself the target of two attacks by Republicans determined to embroil her in controversy to reduce the President's commanding lead in election-year opinion polls.

She is alleged to have ignored a warning not to associate with a trade union leader dubbed a "Mob puppet" by the Justice Department's top fighter of organised crime.

The other allegation is a rehashed version of a claim that she had pushed for the hiring of Craig Livingstone, the former White House security chief who improperly obtained hundreds of FBI files on the Clintons' political foes.

Both accusations were aired by Republicans on Capitol Hill along with documents purporting to substantiate them. Trying to link the President and his wife to organised crime was a new twist to party efforts to besmirch the First Couple. The Republicans produced a 1994 memo from Paul Coffey, head of the Justice Department's organised crime and racketeering section, shortly before Mrs Clinton was to address the Labourers' International Union of North America, led by Arthur Coia.

Mr Coffey wrote: "It might be prudent to recommend that she avoid any direct contact with Coia, if possible, inasmuch as we plan to portray him as a Mob puppet."

Mr Coffey was trying to break the alleged Mafia control of several big unions, a perennial American problem, while Mrs Clinton was seeking union help for her healthcare proposals. Despite Mr Coffey's warning, Mrs Clinton did speak on a later date and met Mr Coia. Indeed, records show that he made 24 visits to the White House for social and political gatherings after the memo.

Republicans tried to portray Mr and Mrs Clinton as having too cosy a relationship with the union leader.

He was never prosecuted. Instead, he reached an unusual agreement with the Justice Department that allowed him to stay in his $200,000 (£130,000) union job provided he agreed to hold democratic elections.

Republicans investigating the agreement called Mr Coffey as a witness. He said Mr Coia had succeeded his father as union president. The Mob had harboured high hopes that they could control him, as they had his father, Mr Coffey said, but "I don't think they have those high hopes today".

William Klinger, the Republican congressman leading the inquiry into the misplaced FBI files, said Mrs Clinton had highly recommended Mr Livingstone, according to notes taken by an FBI agent.

The notes, said to have been made after the agent interviewed Bernard Nussbaum, then White House counsel, included a tidbit that Mrs Clinton had known Mr Livingstone's mother for some time. The charge brought furious denials from Mrs Clinton, Mr Nussbaum and Mr Livingstone's mother.

Children at a Japanese nursery school in Sakai dip their hands in disinfectant before taking their meals. The city has been the hardest hit by a food poisoning outbreak which has killed seven people and afflicted 9,000 others. Teachers and other school staff in Sakai were ordered yesterday to be tested for the sickness in the hope of preventing its further spread. Japanese health officials suspect tainted school lunches, but they have yet to pinpoint what food harboured the O157 strain of the *Escherichia coli* bacterium, which in severe cases leads to kidney failure. *(AP)*

Pupils fight killer bug

Hurricane spares Nicaragua

Miami: Nicaragua's remote Atlantic coast region escaped the worst of Hurricane Cesar yesterday when the eye missed the coastal town of Bluefields and lost strength after coming ashore (David Adams writes).

Cesar, which had packed 80mph winds, with gusts up to 98mph, was downgraded to a tropical storm as it moved inland, heading to the north of Managua, the capital.

Bluefields was cut off from the rest of the country, after the only connections by river and air were suspended. But the 60,000 residents breathed a sigh of relief as they coped with high winds and some flooding. Many had feared worse, recalling memories of Hurricane Joan in 1988 when 148 people died. However, Cesar is likely to cause severe damage to the country's valuable coffee harvest.

Burundi leader offers olive branch

FROM SAM KILEY IN BUJUMBURA

BURUNDI'S new President, facing international condemnation of his takeover, yesterday offered an olive branch to Hutu rebels and pledged to form a goverment this week to try to silence the clamour for international military intervention.

Major Pierre Buyoya, a Tutsi who took power in an apparently bloodless coup last week, said he would be prepared to open negotiations with the rebel group led by Leonard Nyangoma if the latter were prepared to cease violence. He also admitted discipline had collapsed in parts of his Tutsi army, responsible for massacres of Hutu civilians.

"The first stage in restoring peace to Burundi is to engage in serious dialogue with those who are prepared to end violence and the ideology of genocide. It is also necessary to restore authority and discipline in the army," the major said. He added that he was halting the forced explulsion to Rwanda of Hutu refugees who feared retribution for the mass killings there of Tutsis in 1994.

He also said he would form a transitional "broad-based government of national unity", to be led by a Prime Minister, by the end of the week. It would include members of different ethnic groups and political persuasions.

Burundi has been holding its breath to see whether the military takeover would signal an increase in the fighting and ethnic slaughter sparked by a failed military coup in 1993 during which the first Hutu President, Melchior Nadadaye, was killed by soldiers. Since then, waves of killings have left at least 150,000 people dead. Last month, the growing number of massacres provoked African leaders and the United Nations to call for foreign military intervention.

Tanzania and Uganda, which have offered troops for a multinational force to protect Hutus and Tutsis, yesterday renewed threats to send in armies.

Major Buyoya begged international diplomats such as Tanzania's former President, Julius Nyerere, and Jimmy Carter, the former US President, to help Burundi's communities to come together, saying: "I want to assure Hutus and Tutsis they can start to live in peace."

Both Mr Nyerere and Mr Carter have said that military intervention is the only way to bring peace to Burundi, and their countries continue to recognise the deposed Sylvestre Ntibantunganya as the legitimate President.

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Captive breeding is their only hope

WHY ZOOS WILL BE CRUCIAL

As humans, we enjoy the privilege of sharing our planet with 30 million other species. They are much more than just a "resource", they are our fellow creatures, part of our culture and our psyche. Their conservation matters.

Even though nearly everyone cares about "biodiversity", few have truly grasped the extent of the plight of other species. If we are serious about conservation, we must be radical.

In the short term, we need to make the next millennium the age of the zoo. The ideal would be to guarantee space for animals and plants to continue their evolution, as they have for the past billion years. But for many animals this is no longer an option.

Ecological theory and experience both suggest that populations of wild animals cannot survive unless they contain at least 500 individuals. Furthermore, large animals such as tigers need between 10 and 100 square kilometres each in which to thrive, which would mean reserving areas about the size of Yorkshire. But tigers live in Asia, and in modern Asia there are no spare Yorkshires.

The best protection we provide for wild animals is in national parks, but these are far from secure. They are made by governments which may be short-lived, and many are in countries prone to civil war. Parks must also accommodate the needs of human beings: of visitors who provide the cash, and local people who have livings to earn.

Even the greatest parks in the world's richest countries have a beleaguered quality. Yellowstone is jammed with traffic in high season. The Everglades in Florida have been "enriched" with agricultural run-off. In poorer countries, some alleged national parks may contain more grazing cattle than wild animals, while areas supposedly preserved as forest are devoid of trees. Commercially significant animals — notably rhinos — are hunted down in the safest of sanctuaries.

The greenhouse effect may deliver the *coup de grâce*, warming the world to the same extent that it was cooled during the Ice Ages. Fossil records show that animals survived the Ice Ages and the warm spells in between by migrating, sometimes thousands of miles. Otherwise virtually every species would have perished.

Greenhouse warming would change the climate, and hence the vegetation, in all the world's national parks — but the creatures they contain are stuck. Wildebeest cannot drift through Nairobi, lions cannot spread north into France. Unless they are caught and bodily moved, such creatures would die.

But if many animals cannot be conserved in the wild, what can we do for them? The only practical recourse right now, particularly for larger species which require so much space in the wild, is to establish breeding herds in either zoos or intensive reserves.

This suggestion invariably raises a chorus of objections. Most obviously, captive breeding can save only a small minority of threatened species. Yet it is the big animals whose wild populations most need boosting.

MARC ASPLAND

The first Indian rhino born at Whipsnade

Those that could and should benefit include the Asian elephant, all five species of rhino, most of the primates, various subspecies of tiger and many spotted cats. These are some of the world's most magnificent creatures. Saving them from extinction would be far from trivial.

Objectors often maintain that captive breeding is too expensive. They say, for example, that it costs 100 times more to keep a rhino in captivity in Europe than to keep a wild one in Africa. Yet this is deceptive.

First, animals in captivity can be bred more successfully — and are less prone to inbreeding — than those in the wild. They are also physically safer and usually live much longer. For such reasons, one captive rhino in a breeding programme is equivalent, in conservation terms, to a dozen wild ones. We also cannot say how much it costs to keep rhinos safely in the wild, because this has not yet been done. So how can we argue that it would be dearer to keep them in captivity?

Another advantage of captive breeding is that the money spent on captive rhinos in Europe comes out of the pockets of rich Europeans. They would not send the same amount of money to Africa. However, the amount we do spend on conservation as a whole is still laughably small. Zoos in Britain are subsidised only occasionally, locally, and not in accordance with any coherent conservation policy. Even a tiny proportion of the public purse could make a huge difference.

Convincing breeding programmes for, say, the Asian elephant could be established in Europe for a few million pounds per species — the price of a fairly ordinary piece of fine art, a fraction of the cost of a warplane.

But does a life in captivity, or semi-captivity, represent the end of the trail for such creatures? If so, is it really worth the effort? Well, although life has been growing steadily more fraught for wild animals over the past 1,000 years, it could in principle get better again.

The world's human population is now approaching six billion and is on course to double every 40 years. However, the rate of increase is falling, and populations could level out in the 21st century, and even start to come down to present levels again in the next 500 to 1,000 years. But this still means that for the next 500 to 1,000 years, life for animals in the wild will worsen. Our task throughout the third millennium is to help them through this "demographic winter". After that it should become increasingly realistic to apportion stretches of wilderness to sustain viable populations.

There is no good biological reason why human beings should not survive on this planet for at least another million years, and why animals should not survive until the dying of the Sun. Compared with such intervals of time, the next millennium can be thought of as "the short term". Until we learn to think in such intervals, we cannot claim to be taking conservation or biodiversity seriously.

COLIN TUDGE

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PLANET EARTH

In the 1980s there were only 12 Echo Parakeets in existence; now there are 35 in the wild and 16 in captivity

Learning from the fate of the dodo

DURRELL'S DREAM

WHEN the last dodo was finally bludgeoned to extinction by a Dutch seaman in the 1660s, human beings learnt a profound lesson — we can totally wipe out species from the face of the earth.

The lesson of the dodo was taken seriously by the author and naturalist Gerald Durrell who took it as the symbol for his zoo on Jersey dedicated to the conservation of wildlife. His vision, which his staff and disciples call Durrell's Dream, was that we can save rare species by captive breeding, not only in large zoos but also by working with local conservationists in countries of origin. Over the years Jersey Zoo has become a mini-university of endangered species management.

Durrell set up his first overseas captive breeding project on the dodo's island of Mauritius — a project I have run for nearly two decades. Originally, no land mammals lived on Mauritius but it has slowly been ravaged by man and the plants and animals that he has introduced. Feral cats, monkeys, rats and mongooses now destroy bird nests, and pigs and deer eat the native vegetation. By the 1970s the original wildlife of Mauritius was considered beyond repair.

The Mauritius Kestrel had been reduced to just four individuals and became the world's rarest bird. Many argued that any attempt to save it would be a massive waste of time. Durrell and his colleagues did not agree. In Mauritius, and back on Jersey, they started

Comeback: the Mauritius Pink Pigeon

work to save the kestrel. Birds were brought into captivity for breeding, and wild birds were encouraged to increase their productivity. We controlled the rats, mongooses and cats that were threatening the nesting birds and improved the nests to protect them from predators. We gave the wild birds extra food to encourage them to lay more eggs, some of which we then took to hatch in captivity. These birds were then used for breeding or released back in the wild. The wild kestrels laid other eggs which they hatched and reared themselves.

In one decade, we released 335 captive bred kestrels back into the forests of Mauritius. Last season we found more than a hundred nesting pairs and the wild population is now approaching 400 birds.

The sceptics said we were lucky with the kestrel. So we turned our attentions to the Pink Pigeon. We had successfully maintained this bird in captivity for two decades but in 1991 there were only ten birds in the wild. We used similar techniques to those we had used with the kestrel and, in addition, carefully rehabilitated areas of native forest so that Pink Pigeons could safely feed and breed. We now have a population of 250 birds.

Currently we are working on the hardest of all the birds to save, the Echo Parakeet. Using similar techniques, with the help of the World Parrot Trust and some highly motivated young biologists we now hope to save this too. In the 1980s only 12 birds remained. There is now a wild popluation of 35, and 16 in captivity. This season, we hope to start releasing parrots back into the forest.

If we can save the world's rarest species we can save them all. Durrell, who died last January, took heed of the dodo's lesson, and the work which he started — in Mauritius, the Caribbean, Madagascar, Assam, Brazil and elsewhere — shows clearly that zoos and individuals really can make a difference.

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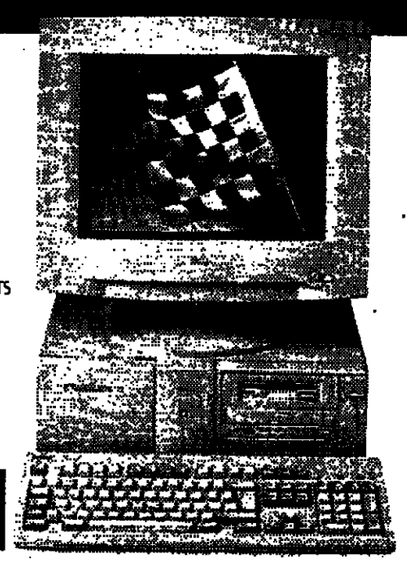

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Elephants were once killed to protect farmers and settlers, but now some conservationsists argue that as herds grow, culling might be needed to stop the elephants wreaking enormous damage on the environment and its eco-structure

Must elephants be killed for their own good?

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By 1931 only 11 elephants remained in the Addo Elephant National Park in South Africa. The Government had systematically hunted and killed the rest of what was once a large and magnificent herd. The elephants were killed because they were considered to be a menace to farmers and settlers.

Now the elephant population has risen to 225, the result of a careful programme of protection. It is the same all over the African continent. If hunted these marvellous animals will die out, but once protected numbers expand dramatically.

A population of elephants can increase by 5 per cent every year. This is all very well, if they have unlimited land on which to live. But if they are confined to a finite area, herds of elephants can wreak enormous damage on trees and shrubs; insects, small mammals and birds can also be affected. These may seem unimportant, but the effects could be far reaching if such species disappeared.

In South Africa, all the national parks are fenced off to keep the animals inside. We believe that there is no other way of protecting the interests of both animals and people who live near the parks. Our elephants cannot be allowed to wander freely, and we must keep their numbers under control to protect the other species. There *has* to be a trade-off.

At present, South Africa has an elephant population of 10,000 elephants on 2.5 million hectares of land. We have only half a million hectares left for expansion. Many argue that in five years' time this will not be enough.

To solve this problem we are currently considering three policy options — contraception, transportation and culling. For 27 years our policy has been to cull elephants in the Kruger National Park. However, because available scientific evidence is not strong enough to support culling at present population densities, we have decided to stop. What are our options?

Elephant contraception operates by implanting hormones into female elephants. We are also experimenting with vaccines which cause infertility in the females. Both are still in the early stages of development.

Our second option is to transport our animals to other African countries, such as Mozambique, whose wildlife has been destroyed by civil war. But it costs South Africa $100 per square km each year to protect our elephant population. Many African countries simply could not afford to spend this kind of money.

Having looked at the two options of population control by contraception or transportation, we may find that culling is the only way to keep our elephants to a sustainable number.

If we culled some of our elephants now, there would be little economic gain. Any trade in elephant produce is illegal. In many ways, this is a great waste of resources. If we could trade ivory, skins and meat we could use the revenue to buy more land. Today, however, lifting the ivory ban is not feasible, because we cannot control the trade.

DR ANTHONY HALL-MARTIN

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ANTI

Ecological studies have portrayed the elephant as a species out of control — breeding without limit, eating everything within sight and transforming their habitat into a wasteland. Some scientists claim that this destruction leads to a loss of diversity, and therefore that culling is justified.

To decide that a certain number of one species must be removed to benefit other species is playing God. We do not yet have enough information to make life and death decisions for nature.

I researched the impact elephants and other herbivores were having on mopane veld, the dominant plant in Botswana's Northern Tuli Game Reserve. Visiting ecologists had surveyed the tall, hedged mopane trees and assumed that elephants were eating them. They advocated the culling of elephants, since ecological disorder was imminent. I discovered that eland, a large antelope species, was also feeding off the plant. The eland sought out the mopane trees all year round while the elephants only fed if they were near by. Yet the culling of eland had never been considered.

With the onset of early spring, the importance of the hedged areas became obvious. Although the first rains had not fallen, the hedges began to produce leaves. This leaf flush came at a time when most other tree species were leafless and browsing mammals had little to feed on.

More important, however, was that these leaves were accessible to both large and small animals. Analysis of the new leaves also showed them to be far more nutritious than the leaves of mopane trees in less utilised areas of the reserve. Nature, it seemed, was providing a precious source of food during lean times. This case study shows that what we perceive as ecological disorder may not always be so.

For years, elephants have been reviled as the "mega-herbivore" within mopane veld. A study I conducted recently on the impact of mopane worms — caterpillars of the mopane emperor moth — proves that insects often have a greater impact.

Within a study area I found that in only six weeks, mopane worms could eat ten times more mopane leaves than elephants could over a whole year. Over the same timespans the worms also produced nearly four times more faecal matter. If mopane worms have such a tremendous impact here, why don't we cull them as well?

Another example is the damage to mopane trees caused by elephants. When an elephant tears off a branch it exposes the dead heartwood of the tree. Termites move in, removing most of the dead heartwood and leaving behind a hollow but living tree.

These hollows are in turn colonised by many other species. Tiny bees, which help to pollinate this plant, establish nests in the hollows. The resin which they use to construct their nests can only be obtained from sites where elephants have recently removed bark from a mopane tree.

The debarking of trees by elephants has long been thought of as a destructive process, because the tree may die. But mopane trees only die if they have been completely ring-barked.

Ants too use the hollows as nesting sites. They in turn serve as a protective mechanism for the tree. When an animal browses on a mopane tree containing nesting ants, the ants attack the mouth of the animal and deter it from returning.

Let us also consider acacias, trees which epitomise the African savannah. Elephants are held responsible for massive destruction within the acacia veld. But we have not yet thoroughly researched the biology of acacia seed banks. So how can we begin to define what acceptable limits of destruction are? Also, insect larvae have been shown to destroy up to 100 per cent of a season's acacia seed set, yet we make no attempt to control the offending insects' numbers.

The concerted effort by South Africa's National Parks Board to review its elephant policies, and its decision to halt the elephant cull until further studies have been conducted, bears testimony to my viewpoint.

Scientific discoveries serve continually to remind us that, although we might believe we know a great deal about the science of living relationships between organisms, it is not what we think we know that matters, but what we do not yet know.

CHRIS STYLES

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Last year, 77,000 people visited Hilltop, the Cumbrian home of Beatrix Potter, who wrote stories about rabbits. A mere 8,000 visited Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire, the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton, arguably the world's greatest scientist.

We have grown accustomed to spending our weekends visiting the homes of famous Britons. Numerous writers and artists are commemorated in this way, not all of them top rank. But you can count the homes of great British scientists open to the public on the fingers of one hand.

One of the few is Down House near Biggin Hill, in Kent. Darwin's home for 40 years until his death in 1882. Its centrepiece is the study where he wrote *On the Origin of Species* and *The Descent of Man*. I would argue that these are greater works than anything by Rudyard Kipling (72,000 visitors to Batemans) or William Wordsworth (nearly 80,000 to Dove Cottage). And yet, passed from one institution to another over the past century, Down House has struggled even to maintain its fabric. It draws just 6,000 visitors a year.

Woolsthorpe is another rare example. In 1665, Newton retreated here from plague-ridden Cambridge. During the following 18 months, he derived the principle of differential calculus and the binomial theorem, described laws of planetary motion, and passed sunlight through a prism to reveal its constituent colours. The garden contains an apple tree said to be a descendant of the one whose fruit forcibly impressed Newton with the nature of gravity.

In Bath, the Herschel Museum occupies the house where William Herschel discovered Uranus and his sister, Caroline, logged new comets. Not far away, in Berkeley, Gloucestershire, lies the home of the country doctor, Edward Jenner, who developed the principle of vaccination by observing the local custom of infecting people with cowpox to ward off the killer smallpox.

Charles Darwin

And that's about it. For the rest of the crowded pantheon of British science, there is the odd statue, plaque or tomb (documented, along with the homes, in Charles Tanford and Jacqueline Reynolds's *A Travel Guide to Scientific Sites of the British Isles*). But there is no home or museum devoted to Robert Boyle, John Dalton, Humphry Davy, Charles Lyell, James Clerk Maxwell, J.J. Thomson, Lord Kelvin, William Harvey ... the list goes on.

One reason that there are not more scientific heritage sites may be that scientists themselves find them pointless. "One wants to know if the home has something of the person in it. If Beatrix Potter lived surrounded by bunny rabbits," explains Professor Lewis Wolpert, a biologist, author and crusader for more public involvement in science.

"But science isn't like that. Where scientists live has very little to do with the way they think." As chairman of the Committee on the Public Understanding of Science, however, he sees a means of drawing people to science who would not otherwise come into contact with it.

Heritage bodies are aware of the high public interest in industrial archaeology. Sites associated with scientific progress are an extension of this theme. Richard Keen, industrial archaeology adviser at the National Trust, says: "Scientists' homes are certainly very important. They simply haven't been offered to us."

Now it seems the tide may be turning. The National Trust and the Royal Society are already discussing how to draw out scientific aspects of existing NT properties. Some scientists' homes might attract corporate funds — an oil company might sponsor a geologist's house, a pharmaceuticals group that of a pioneer in biomedicine. The research councils might contribute.

Existing sites are already seeing rising public interest. At Woolsthorpe, visitor numbers are climbing steadily. Now the National Trust hopes to install "an interactive science exhibition" featuring hands-on gravity and optics experiments. Last May, English Heritage secured £1.78 million of Lottery funds to improve Down House. The number of visitors is expected to triple when it re-opens in 1997.

This month the Royal Institution finalised an application to the Millennium Commission to open the apartments where Sir Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday lived during their terms as director.

"Our whole building is the science world's equivalent of Shakespeare's birthplace," Professor Peter Day, the current director, says. The expansion would make it possible to display Davy's prototype miner's safety lamps and Dewar's original vacuum flask.

More significant is an addition to the list. Soho House in Handsworth, Birmingham, where the industrialist Matthew Boulton hosted meetings of the Lunar Society, opened to the public last October. James Watt, Josiah Wedgwood and Erasmus Darwin were among the members of the society who met there. And Joseph Priestley may well have first demonstrated there that water is composed only of hydrogen and oxygen.

Dismayed by bureaucracy, some enthusiasts are even dipping into their own pockets. On the Isle of Wight, Trevor Clarke, a retired engineer, is using his own money to manufacture replica scientific instruments for a Robert Hooke museum. Hooke was born on the island and became one of the founders of the Royal Society.

Mr Clarke's applications for funding have so far been rejected but he is determined to go ahead. "All I am interested in is Hooke and telling his story," he insists.

If people are prepared to visit the home of a second-rate writer or third-rate painter, they should surely turn out for a world-class scientist. Such sites would serve to remind people that scientists, like the rest of us, live their lives in a domestic and cultural context. "The idea of being able to visit their homes is that you put them in perspective," Mr Keen says. "They need armchairs and baths like anyone else."

Darwin's home in Kent, Down House, with (top) his chair on the verandah and (above right) the study where he wrote *On the Origin of Species*

Israeli archaeologists find lost city ☐ Old painkiller finds new role ☐ The mighty bollworm

Philistine secrets

CONTINUING the heritage theme of this week's page, archaeologists in Israel have confirmed that they have uncovered the Philistine city of Ekron. First started in 1983, their tireless excavation work was rewarded this month with the archaeological equivalent of an enormous "You are here" sign.

Professor Sy Gitin from the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, and Dr Trude Dothan from the city's Hebrew University, found a large block of stone in the ruins of a temple that was once part of a monumental palace. On its underside lay a wealth of information, including the city's name and the monikers of two kings known to have ruled it, Padi and his son Achish. Almost all other biblical sites have been identified because their modern names are echoes of the ancient ones, such as Tell Jezer (formerly Gezer). "It's tremendously important and exciting," enthuses Professor Gitin, who thinks it could rank among the top digs of the past 30 years.

The inscription found at Tel Miqne, 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem, comprises 69 letters and will be deciphered by Professor Joseph Naveh, an epigrapher from Hebrew University who first surveyed the site four decades ago. The inscription will be published in the autumn in the quarterly *Israel Exploration Journal*.

SCIENCE BRIEFING

Anjana Ahuja

Ekron was one of the five main cities of the Philistine confederation mentioned in the Bible, and stood for 600 years. It burnt to the ground in 603BC, during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar. The excavations have exposed Ekron as one of the largest industrialised cities in the ancient Middle East, with a thriving olive oil industry. "In its late period, Ekron was spread across 85 acres, a huge area for a biblical city," says Professor Gitin.

The city was also an important part of the Assyrian Empire, one of the most advanced empires in history. Professor Gitin says: "They ruled effectively from afar, they kept records on papyri, and they established silver as currency." In other words, he says, Ekron was a linchpin in a primitive world economy.

Rather eerily, when Ekron was burnt at the hands of the marauding Babylonians, it was a ghost town. Professor Gitin says that not even one skeleton had been unearthed.

"The city was evacuated," he says. "But after that the Philistines vanished from the pages of history. When they fled it seems their culture disappeared." This may be the reason why the Philistines are now synonymous with a lack of culture.

The next stage, Professor Gitin says, will be to piece together a detailed portrait of how Philistine society progressed from its birth in the 12th century BC to its fiery end six centuries later.

Relief from migraine

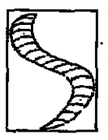
THE list of triggers is depressingly long. Anger, shock, worry, depression, certain foods and even having a period can bring on a migraine, a severe, longlasting headache that distorts vision.

Now it seems that relief may come not from one of the many new drugs under test but from an old favourite — lidocaine, a painkiller more commonly employed by dentists and often bought as a spray or lotion. A study published last week in the *Journal of the Americal Medical Association* showed that more than half of the sufferers who used lidocaine nose drops felt better within 15 minutes. That compares with 21 per cent of sufferers claiming relief after taking a placebo of saltwater. Experts hailed the result in the American press as "almost unbelievable".

At least one person in ten suffers migraines, with women making up three-quarters of this number. There is no sole cause and it tends to run in families. On average, headaches will strike three times a month.

Effective drug treatments can have side effects, and do not work as speedily as lidocaine. However, doctors caution that the study has yet to be repeated.

A worm turns and munches



THE humble bollworm, a creature whose talents have hitherto eluded the spotlight, has been busily chewing its way through thousands of acres of cotton crops in Texas. But these aren't any old crops. They have been genetically engineered to resist ... the bollworm.

This Schwarzenegger of the caterpillar world has also munched its way through the profits of Monsanto, the chemicals company which has staked millions on the crop — shares in Delta and Pine Land, its distributors, fell dramatically this month after news of the supposedly impossible infestation spread.

According to *Nature* this week, the cotton crop under siege was designed to generate a natural toxin, derived from a soil bacterium, to wipe out three pests — the tobacco budworm, the pink budworm and the bollworm. After approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, two million acres of the supercrop — called *Bt* cotton — were planted across Texas. Unfortunately the bollworm fought back. One reason may be that not enough toxin is being produced. A less likely option is that normal cotton seeds have been mixed up with *Bt* cotton seeds.

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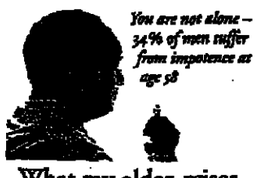

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Paul Lamplugh in front of the new stained glass window designed by Alan Younger to commemorate his daughter Suzy (inset): "It fits perfectly with the Trust motto, the triumph of good over evil, and it shows the dove of peace being released"

An extraordinary girl

Ten years after Suzy Lamplugh's death, her father talks to **Valerie Grove**

TEN years ago this week, the name of Suzy Lamplugh was indelibly imprinted on the public mind. She had gone missing on July 28, 1986, when she went to show a client apparently called "Mr Kipper" round a house in Fulham.

At the first police press conference, Suzy's father Paul began to say: "She's just an ordinary girl..." when his wife Diana broke in dramatically to declare: "No she isn't. She's not ordinary at all. She's a super girl..." From that intervention Diana Lamplugh became a woman with a cause, to whose gentle voice Home Secretaries listen. That dreaded telephone call: "Do you have any idea where your daughter might be, Mrs Lamplugh?" made her a household name. And the Suzy Lamplugh Trust has taken over the Lamplughs' lives. Their Edwardian semi in a quiet, leafy road in Richmond is filled with Trust staff, every bedroom (including Suzy's) an office filled with computers. The garden houses a training centre. Diana is constantly in demand, to address schools and advise workplaces on personal safety.

But what of Paul? This mild-mannered, bespectacled solicitor found his life changed irrevocably too by what happened to his 25-year-old daughter.

He has remained apparently eclipsed by the energy and dynamism of his small, determined, articulate wife, a brilliant public speaker. But in fact he is just as involved as she is in the work of the Lamplugh Trust.

When Suzy vanished, he was just about to land the job he had been aiming at for 15 years: director of professional ethics at the Law Society, a new department that was his idea. "One felt supercharged, having all that trauma, and going for this job. Diana described that period as like being on fire." He threw himself into the job. But within six months, the Law Society decreed that everyone aged 55 had to go. Mr Lamplugh was devastated. What to do with the rest of his life?

Diana had already set up her Trust, but Paul didn't see himself giving his life to it. "But the more I got involved in the Trust the more exciting it seemed. It's something that was so obviously needed, and it has no limits. Personal safety is an enormous subject which relates to every aspect of everybody's lives.

> 'Personal safety relates to everyone's life'

"Most charities, I'm sure, are started by people to whom something terrible has happened. You hear people on television saying 'I'm determined to do something about this' — but not everybody can. Diana had the imagination and we have complementary skills. She can not only see great concepts and carry them through, but can work on the detail. Now we can ring someone up and get things moving. People approach us for help, and I enjoy negotiating with them. If this awful thing had to happen, then this is the best that could come out of it. I've always wanted to do my bit to change the world."

The Trust's work is dismayingly more necessary than ever. As long ago as 1990, Kenneth Baker as Home Secretary announced, under the aegis of a Lamplugh Trust conference, that all sex offenders would in future be supervised after their release. That "beasts" and "brutes" who prey on young girls, emerging from prison even more dangerous than before, would be rehabilitated. Yet here we are in 1996, mourning the deaths of Sophie Hook and Caroline Nicholson at the hands of known offenders. The problem does not go away.

I ponder on the fact that my eldest daughter is even now hitchhiking to Seville. But even the Lamplughs acknowledge that we cannot lock up our daughters. They are justly proud that when their youngest daughter, Lizzie, was threatened with a knife in Oxford, she managed to talk herself out of danger. "A maniac put a knife to her throat and tried to abduct her [he told the police he wanted to sacrifice a girl at Stonehenge because his girlfriend had left him] and she managed, by talking to him, to give him her car keys and while he was trying to turn the car, she walked calmly into a neighbour's house and telephoned the police. She put into practice the tenets of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust."

Paul, the son of the deputy headmaster of Cheltenham College, met Diana when she was a schoolgirl at Westonbirt. It is a fact of life that couples who lose a child are often driven apart by a grief that is not halved by being shared, but doubled. The Lamplughs are lucky: they are bound more closely than ever. Diana says Paul is her "sheet anchor". He thinks she is "a genius". "Diana is so tremendously positive," Paul says.

"The problem for us was, you never knew what had happened. You hoped constantly that she was alive, but you feared — after just a few weeks — that she was dead. When I said 'She's an ordinary girl', what I meant was 'Nobody expects this to happen to their daughter'. Suzy was a girl who would throw herself 100 per cent into everything, work, sport, friendship, singing in the choir. The night before she disappeared she was in the kitchen talking to us and we said wasn't she doing a little too much with her work and her social life, and her reply was 'Life is for living'. We knew Suzy, we knew she couldn't withstand captivity for too long. But because we had no body, we did not FEEL she was dead.

"People still write to us, probably nutters, saying 'Suzy is living in a house in Bristol', or mediums tell us they know her body is in some dreadful place... People say, don't you want to know what happened to her? And I say 'Well, I don't know whether I want to know, I don't know what I'm going to find out.' What for? There is no point. You have to move on. You don't want to drive away your other children — and we're lucky, we do have three marvellous children.

"Even now I am upset about the fact that she is not here, but obviously we don't go on grieving. I worry about people who keep their dead child's bedroom as a shrine. I don't want to criticise such people — but they are trying to keep things as they were, instead of moving on."

Last Thursday evening a stained glass window in their church, All Saints in East Sheen Avenue, Richmond, was dedicated by the Bishop of Southwark to the memory of Suzy. "Our new vicar, Paul Kennington, a brilliant preacher, gave a sermon when he first arrived, on the Resurrection. He explained that after Christ was resurrected he was different; the disciples didn't recognise him in the Upper Room and his mother didn't recognise him: he was himself, but changed. After something traumatic happens — and ours was as traumatic as you can get — people are changed. Diana and I thought about it and realised that we are no longer the same, we can never be as we were before. But something good has come out of our experience. What better to commemorate Suzy than a Resurrection window?"

The designer Alan Younger, creator of windows at St Albans and at Durham Cathedral, was commissioned. "Alan seemed to understand exactly what we were talking about, and we knew he was going to do something wonderful. It's a remarkable work of art in itself. It fits perfectly with the Trust motto, the triumph of good over evil, it shows the dove of peace being released, which is the spirit of Suzy; and it incorporates our Trust's logo, omega and alpha: from the end comes the beginning. I find it awe-inspiring that we had something to do with it." In a packed church, Suzy's old choir sang and the entire congregation joined in the dedication with the bishop.

"Suzy gave us the opportunity to create something. If it wasn't for Suz, and her personality — she had tremendous charisma, that natural quality of lighting up the room, it shines through in her photographs, and somehow conveyed itself to the public — the Trust might never have taken off. The Trust is her legacy. If anybody had to be chosen for this to happen to, we were the right people."

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Yorkshire Sculpture Park celebrates the work of the 80-year-old Kenneth Armitage

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THEATRE

Dawn French comes to Chichester for a staging of Priestley's *When We Are Married*

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

RECORDS

Robbie Williams, erstwhile Take That star, cries *Freedom* on his first solo single

IN THE SHOPS: Today
REVIEW: Friday

FILM

Roald Dahl hits the big screen with the release of *James and the Giant Peach*

OPENS: Friday
REVIEW: Thursday

This train-set will run and run . . .

How do top tourist attractions measure up in their busy season? On Day One of a new series, **Benedict Nightingale** revisits *Starlight Express*

The *Starlight* experience: "Rightly, the audience had left most of its sophistication at home and came prepared to cheer, whistle and even launch into mini-demonstrations"

SUMMER SNAPSHOTS

When Andrew Lloyd Webber's *By Jeeves* had its premiere in May, the configuration of Scarborough's theatre-in-the-round let me get a good look at the composer's face. I must say, it completely thawed my wintry heart. He looked as happy as a sandboy as, eyes whirling, he silently sang along with what were, as it happened, some pretty catchy tunes. Somewhere inside the latter-day Puccini is a kid who likes nothing better than fooling about with Bertie Wooster, or exploring sinister passages below the Paris Opéra or frolicking with moggies, or dressing up in amazing Technicolor dreamcoats. At least, so I felt that night.

Certainly, that sort of playfulness marks his *Starlight Express*, and helps to explain why it has become as much a London fixture as Hamleys at Christmas. Lloyd Webber first wrote a few songs for a cartoon film based on the Rev W. Awdry's *Thomas the Tank Engine* books, and then expanded these into a musical *jeu d'esprit* for his own children. In came Trevor Nunn and John Napier, director and designer of *Cats*, to transform an overblown Art Deco cinema into a fun-run for boy and girl trains on roller-skates and, a much more difficult challenge, to reconcile high-tech with big heart.

> ❛ The more gaudily exotic the skaters are, the better ❜

Did they succeed? The public clearly thinks so. *Starlight Express* has run for more than 12 years at the Apollo, Victoria, and been seen there by more than 650,000 people, although that figure is doubtless somewhat inflated by repeat visitors, like the Kent postman who has reportedly spent £20,000 on 750 evenings in seat L23.

When I reported for a Saturday matinee recently, the place was packed out with a spread of ages, nationalities, T-shirts and shorts that I defy any sociologist to summarise. The people who weirdly asked the usherette if they would enjoy themselves ("Not my place to say, sir") appeared to be South American. The dozen seats to my left turned out to have been taken by members of the Saudi royal family. The ladies behind me, who thought the show noisier than *Phantom of the Opera* and sadly lacking in chandeliers, came from Alan Bennett's north of England. There seemed to be loads of Americans and Japanese looking at the *Starlight* baseball caps for sale on the model Tyne Bridge in the foyer.

And did I think the show had maintained its pristine innocence, despite the myriad lights elaborately playing on Napier's palpitating steel fretwork? Although I have attacked some Lloyd Webber musicals for sacrificing charm to visual fuss (the recent *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, for instance) I had to admit that this time fun and technology were not at odds. The trainspotter I keep deep within me — one that used to collect engine numbers at King's Cross, I hasten to add, not one that hawks drugs at Edinburgh's Waverley — ended up re-awoken and slaked.

Lloyd Webber and his lyricist, Richard Stilgoe, never quite let us forget that the "Control" we hear offstage is a boy fantasising great train races in his bedroom. Therefore it is fine if the skaters look like a mix of American ice-hockey stars and Roman gladiators enlisted into playing Rollerball for the planet Vega by Darth Vader Industries Inc. The more gaudily exotic they are, the better. And it is equally fine if Rusty the nice young steamer beats the Elvis-like diesel, Greaseball, and the androgynous Electra.

Starlight has had its earnest critics, of course. In New York, where the show's success was more modest than in London, the politically correct were exercised by the fact that the engines were all male and their tenders female, dimpling, wiggling and inclined to sing pretty songs about wanting to be whistled at.

If Turnov the Russian express or Nintendo the Japanese super rocket could charge about in high macho style, surely balance demanded a few enlightened, non-sexist trains. What about Germaine the unstoppable Australian bullet, or Andrea Dworkin the New England streaker, with her haul of no-smoking, women-only coaches? Somehow I don't think that would have had much impact on the young man queueing for beer in a garment emblazoned "Some Idiot Came to London, and All I Got Was This Lousy Shirt".

Rightly, the audience had left most of its sophistication at home and came prepared to cheer and whistle and even launch into mini-demonstrations. What motivated the Scandinavians who left the Apollo chorusing loudly in their own language? Were they nationalists protesting the omission of Ibsen the Fjord Flyer, or Greens celebrating the defeat of oil and electricity? All that seemed clear was that a trip to Tussaud's or the Tower could not have charged them up more.

Tomorrow: A Summer Snapshot of the London Planetarium

Tears come after bedtime

THEATRE

Two Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night
Arts Theatre

AFTER lesbian lusts at the start of the week and Boccaccio's heterosexual romps the following night, James Edwin Parker's short play adds to a range of sexual connections currently available in West End theatres.

Parker's piece begins by showing what the title announces: in a large, bleakly decorated apartment stands a double bed and wrapped up in the dark blue duvet are two boys. Well, 36-year-old men, actually. We know it must be a cold night because the duvet looks heavy enough to carry a high tog rating.

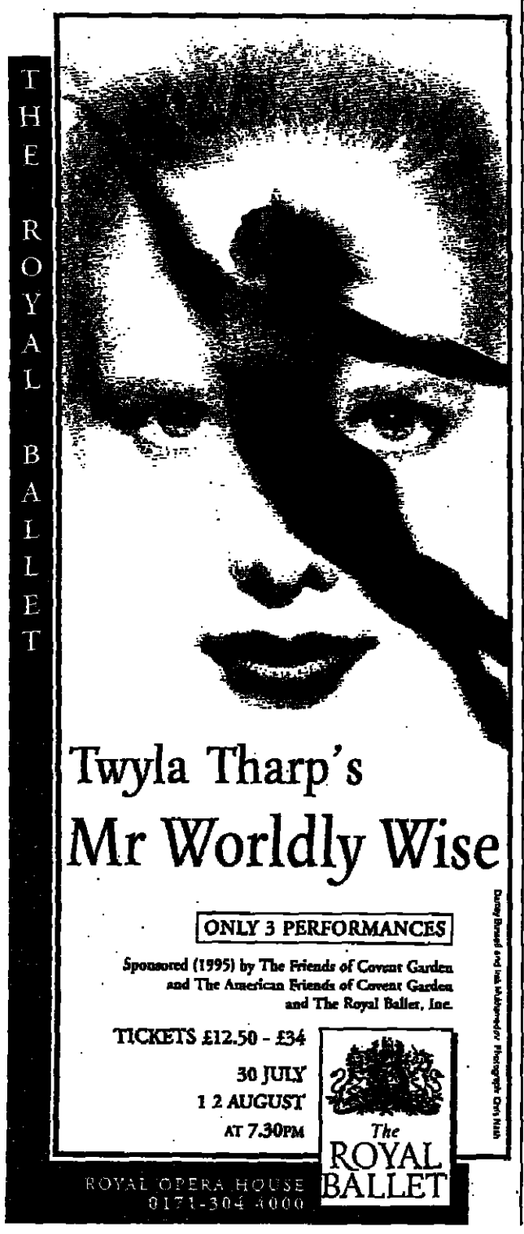
The play promises an analysis of the one-night stand, presented here not as a coming together of two people resistant to any stronger commitment, but where one of the partners is really hungry for permanence. Daryl, New York graphic artist, handsome but shy, has picked up Peter, tougher and bold, and, after some good sex before the play starts, they have fallen asleep. At 4.30am, Daryl wakes and wants to talk, and during what follows we learn that he harbours some rather weepy ideas, clings to souvenirs of past lovers, and has never sustained a relationship beyond five days.

Parker allows us to understand why this has come about by presenting Daryl as simply too open-heartedly needy. Peter, already in a relationship, enjoys casual sex for the spice of variety, or so we have to assume. His lover has Aids but the implications of this are not brought into words.

Julian Woolford's direction, and a likeable performance by Steven Brand, show how completely theatre has jettisoned the archaic notion that a sensitive gay must be soppy. There is just a touch of the hoity-toity in Brand's quick little steps when he darts across the room on errands. Peter reveals less of himself and, though Richard Laing does make good use of the comedy, Parker's exploration of his motives is less thorough.

With its wryly resigned conclusion, the play does not say much that is new or even special about sexual relationships. But it has the ring of honesty, some explosively funny incidents, and a lot of naked scrimmaging under the duvet.

JEREMY KINGSTON



BBC PROMS: An opera star steps out of her world but not her depth; Shostakovich's Fifth is superbly interpreted

Cred more sweet than street

Dawn Upshaw
Albert Hall/Radio 3

AT FIRST sight the opera diva Dawn Upshaw and Rodgers & Hart do not make a natural combination. When she sings *Manhattan* on her new album you find yourself thinking of Edith Wharton's gilded streets, not the hurly-burly of Damon Runyon's Broadway. With the best will in the world I cannot imagine Upshaw riding the subway to Coney to eat baloney.

Singers from her side of the artistic tracks lack the demotic flair — the casual blending of café society banter and sardonic Bowery slang — that the best popular singers bring to this material. But even if the earthiness was missing — the soprano lacked the grit to conjure more than a simper on Ira Gershwin's lyrics for Weill's *The Saga of Jenny* — her thoughtful exploration of American song, accompanied by the London Sinfonietta under Eric Stern, was still as enjoyable a late-night Prom as I can recall.

Much of the pleasure lay in the programming, with its subtle shifts in tempo from Bernstein to Gershwin, Blitzstein's restless *I Wish it So* to Sondheim's defiant *There Won't Be Trumpets*.

Upshaw does not use her formal training as a battering ram. Her much admired lightness of tone served her particularly well in the extended lines of Weill's *Lonely House*. In her hands Langston Hughes's words took on an even more eerie hue: a moment later the mood lightened as she moved on to an apartment dweller's view through a dusty window in Sondheim's *What More Do I Need*.

The pianist Fred Hersch brought an authentic jazz ambience to a sequence of low-key duets that included a haunting, unmelodramatic reading of *It Never Entered My Mind* and another characteristically bitter-sweet Hart lyric in *Why Can't I?*

CLIVE DAVIS

Cry from the Russian heart

LSO/Rostropovich
Bournemouth SO/Kreizberg
Albert Hall/Radio 3

AFTER a week of Proms, one performance stands out: a stunning account of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony by **Mstislav Rostropovich** and the **London Symphony Orchestra** on Friday. It was the climax of a concert Rostropovich devoted to composers who had all been close friends, and it included Lutoslawski's bold *Novelette* and a dark interpretation of the Sea Interludes from *Peter Grimes*.

But the Shostakovich performance — along with the other works, broadcast live to Russia in celebration of the BBC Russian Service's 50th anniversary — was definitive. More than ever, the Fifth seemed not "a Soviet artist's creative reply to just criticism", but an angry, defiant reaction. Rostropovich's performance had grim, inexorable momentum and mournfulness, bearing out the recent disclosure that Shostakovich was alluding cryptically to his setting of a Pushkin poem, *Rebirth*, about suffering and artistic integrity.

Rostropovich and the LSO made every note count. Moments of hushed luminosity in the opening movement and Largo contrasted with biting irony in the nose-thumbing Allegretto and racing propulsion in the finale.

The previous evening, **Yakov Kreizberg** and the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** had given an impressive performance of the composer's seldom-heard Eleventh, but it lacked the same epic weight and spiritual depth. Of course, the later work has a programme — the 1905 revolution — and is more pictorial than symphonic. Though not all its haunting despair came across, the eloquent solos and flexings of orchestral muscle at moments of violence were well managed.

A composer born before Shostakovich, the 93-year-old Berthold Goldschmidt, was present on Thursday for the British premiere of his early *Passacaglia*. It was a moving occasion: Goldschmidt won a State Prize for his 1925 score and was then forced to abandon it when fleeing the Nazis.

Thought lost until its discovery two years ago, the Passacaglia emerged here as a tautly constructed work full of desolate foreboding that explodes in a brutal climax. Into less than seven minutes Goldschmidt packs a slow theme and 15 variations, each one new and interesting. Kreizberg conducted with flexibility and precision, before leading the sweet-toned violinist Christian Tetzlaff in an exciting account of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

JOHN ALLISON

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POP: **David Sinclair** on a sensation at Wembley; plus a diminutive new talent

Just his usual stadium triumph

All acts that end up performing in stadiums, from Oasis to the Eagles, do so in response to the simple dictates of supply and demand, not because their music is in any way suited to these vast venues. But irrespective of record sales or other merits, none of the artists who currently strut the biggest stages in the world has a better feel for the actual dynamics of stadium rock than Bryan Adams.

For one thing, Adams's music is positively designed to be heard in wide open spaces, a truth that was self-evident almost from the moment he started his show at Wembley with the insistent bass drum beat and southern-fried guitar chords of *The Only Thing That Looks Good On Me Is You*. The pleasingly broad range of songs which followed were all clever but solid constructions, built from primary-colour musical blocks — verse, chorus, brief guitar solo and, as often as not, a devastating middle eight — and propelled by a philosophy as uncomplicated as it gets: "Everywhere I go, the kids wanna rock."

Bryan Adams
Wembley Stadium

Adams's band, an unfussy guitar, bass, keyboards and drums quartet with discreet extra percussion, continues to be staffed by the same musicians he has employed since the early days, and at Wembley there was an expanded role for guitarist Keith Scott, who indulged in some tightly-scripted guitar heroics.

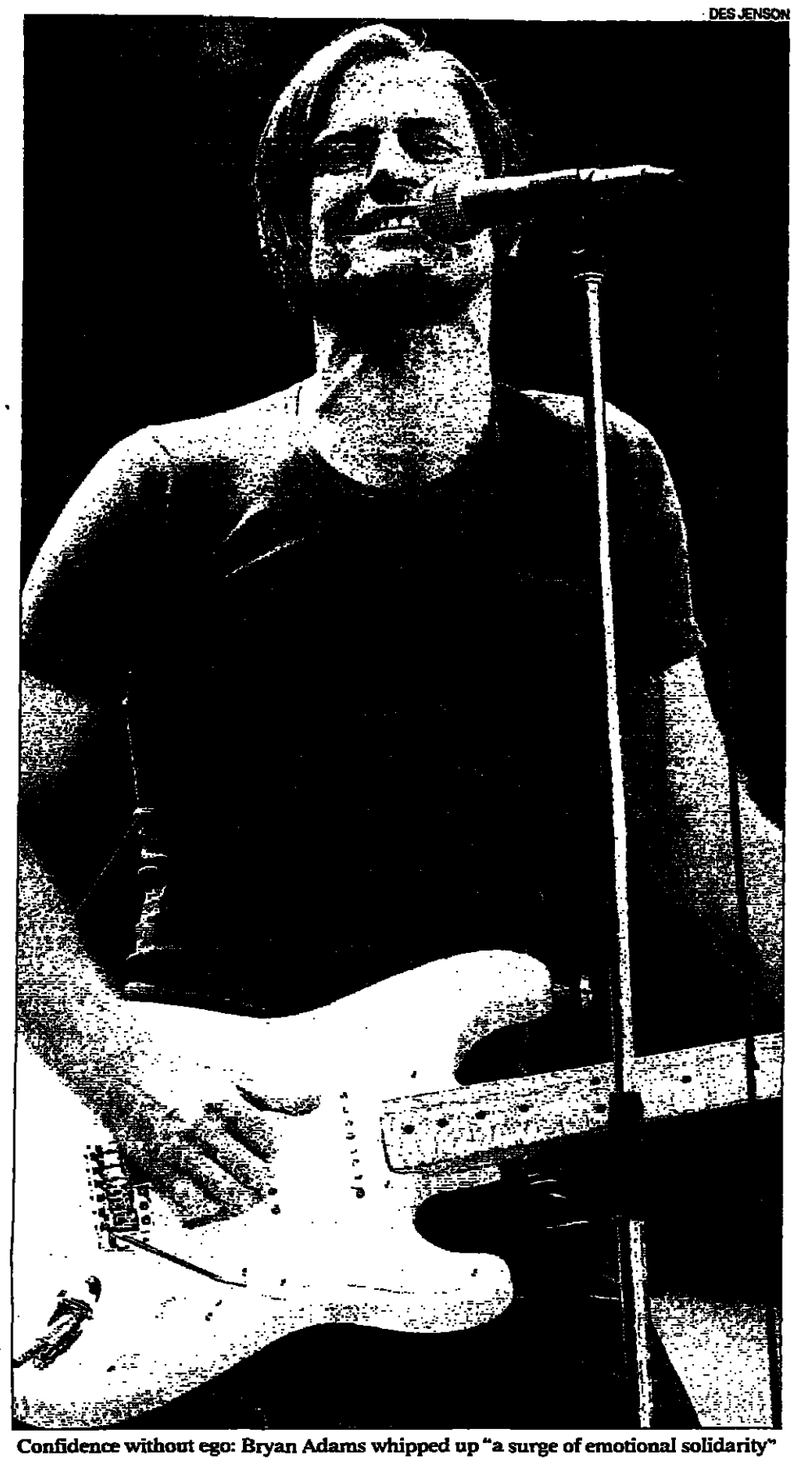
But in his plain green T-shirt and black leather trousers, Adams remained firmly the focus of attention. His marvellously throaty yell came over as powerfully as ever, as he led the 65,000-strong crowd through the chorus of *Can't Stop This Thing We Started*. You could feel a surge of emotional solidarity sweeping round the bleachers rather like a Mexican wave.

Then there were the contrasting moments of romantic balladry. *Have You Ever Really Loved A Woman?* was one step away from easy listening, yet still worked its subtle magic, while *(Everything I Do) I Do It For You* became another link in the bonding process. He seemed relaxed and unassuming yet fired-up for the occasion, his personality apparently a unique product of immense confidence without undue ego.

The entire band miraculously relocated to a tiny handkerchief of stage right in the middle of the crowd where they played a mini-set within the set. It was a smart idea, but rather spoilt by the inclusion of a weedy version of *Wild Thing* and the monumentally regrettable *(I Wanna Be) Your Underwear*.

Back on the main stage the band powered their way towards a grand finale with *All For One* and a rousing version of the old Bobby Fuller Four song *I Fought The Law*. It was an utterly triumphant display.

DES JENSON



Confidence without ego: Bryan Adams whipped up "a surge of emotional solidarity"

One to follow the legend of Alanis

MAVERICK, the record label founded four years ago by Madonna, already has one artist who doubtless causes executives at other record companies to gnash their teeth with envy: Alanis Morissette, with her 14 million-plus sales of the album *Jagged Little Pill*.

But, as a discoverer of new talent, Madonna has even more reason for pride. Me'Shell Ndegéocello, another signing, may be an unknown commodity to most record-buyers, but her work is every bit as startling as that of the precocious Morissette.

Plantation Lullabies, her 1993 debut, fused elements of jazz, hip hop, rap and soul with total confidence, promising much for the future. Happily, *Peace Beyond Passion*, her recent follow-up, more than lived up to such expectations. By turns sensual, angry, questioning and provocative, Ndegéocello's 12 new tracks deal head-on with familiar issues of racial and sexual identity, but with a grace and freshness of phrase that is beyond most other writers tilling the same soil.

Me'shell Ndegéocello
Subterania, W10

A capacity crowd had assembled at Subterania for what was only the singer's second British show, and they were not disappointed. This compact, crop-haired woman in heavy-rimmed spectacles may have been dwarfed physically by her five players and backing vocalist, but force of personality made her seem mighty. She favours urgently conversational raps leading into tracks powered by 1970s-style funk, and *If That's Your Boyfriend (He Wasn't Last Night)*, from the first LP, and *Deuteronomy: Niggerman*, from its successor, proved how powerful this formula can be.

But Ndegéocello also has the ability to evoke a mood of exquisite tenderness or need. *Mary Magdalene*, perhaps the best track on *Peace Beyond Passion*, creates an atmosphere of sexual tension completely beyond the reach of most records from the modern bedroom-soul genre. It was this ability both to create moods and raise issues which made Ndegéocello's performance here so compelling. She deserves a sales tally to match, if not exceed, Morissette's.

ALAN JACKSON

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96. Trevor Pinnock — renowned for his exuberant recordings of Haydn and Mozart — conducts the **Choir of the English Concert** and the **English Concert** in Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*, the soloists are Suzan Grinton, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo-soprano, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Gerald Finley, baritone. Haydn's *Paukenmesse* and *The Storm*, together with Mozart's Symphonies No 23 and No 41, complete the programme. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

SCOTT HAMILTON The American mainstream tenor saxophonist and the modern jazz pianist Stan Tracey make their debut performance together in a special transatlantic collaboration. Andy Cleyndert, bass, and Clark Tracey, drums, complete the Stan Tracey Trio. **Pizza Express Jazz Club**, 10 Dean Street, W1 (0171-439 8722). Tonight and tomorrow, 8.30pm (doors open 7.45pm)

SUMMER IN THE CITY A week-long festival of fun for children, aged 2-8. This year's theme is wildlife, and among the exciting range of activities are workshops for making animal masks puppets and hats. Other highlights include face-painting, regular theatre shows and an exhibition of life-sized cardboard "Animals in Danger". **Red Exhibition Hall**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Today-Fri, 10.30am-4.30pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ELSEWHERE

GUILDFORD Clive Swift, who plays alongside Patricia Routledge in the television sit-com *Keeping Up Appearances*, stars in Anthony Trollope's poignant and amusing tale, **An Old Man's Love**, a fifty-something bachelor falls in love with the orphaned daughter of his best friend. With Velma Hobingbery. Adapted and directed by Michael Napier Brown. **Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook** (01483 440 000). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 3

HARROGATE The award-winning **Leopold String Trio** puts in an appearance at the Harrogate International Festival. String Trio movements by Schubert and Borodin precede Mozart's Divertimento in E flat. **Old Swan Hotel**, Swan Road (festival box office 01423 565 757). Today, 11am

LEEDS Entertainment for the summer holidays with **Budgie's Magic Adventure**, starring the inquisitive little helicopter. For children aged 3-11. **Grand**, 46 New Briggate (0113 245 9351). Open today-Thurs, 1pm and 3.30pm.

OXFORD Twenty-six-year-old Ian Pepperell plays the Prince in a Playhouse production of **Hamlet**, directed by John Retallack and Karl James. Note temporary address of theatre, in the old Newman Room opposite Christ Church. **Rose**, St Aldate's (01865 798 600). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs and Sat, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm, mats Thurs (Aug 22), 2.30pm, and Sats, 2.30pm

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■ **BIRDY** William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace. Kevin Knight directs Tom Williams and Adam Garcia. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 17

☐ **THE DECAMERON:** A selection from Boccaccio's treasure-house of erotic tales, some happy, some bloody, nicely acted by Nick Ward's young cast. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until August 17

☐ **ELVIS:** Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show: P J Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN** Kate Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne and Lucy Whybrow (Jocasta and Antigone). **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES:** Belinda Lang, George Costigan and Paul J. Medford in an enjoyable sung-through musical woven from the songs of Randy Newman. Chris Bond directs. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until August 3.

☐ **THIS LIME TREE BOWER.** Clumsy seduction and a shambolic crime feature in award-winning Conor McPherson's new play, set in an Irish seaside town. Funny and touching. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm

■ **THE LIGHTS** Howard Korder's drama of a journey through the New York nightmare. Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, fittingly, because after the run the interior will be rebuilt. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31

☐ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC** Elegant production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. With Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Siân Phillips and Lambert Wilson. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep.

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☐ **THE ODD COUPLE:** Jack Klugman, Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspot, in a revival of Neil Simon's comedy. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

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THE GODFATHER PART II (18). Majestic sequel to Coppola's Mafia epic, first released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691)

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◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson. **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888 990)

◆ **A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE** (18): Dull, clumsy comedy about a stud's comeuppance. Martin Lawrence directs and stars. **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **UP CLOSE & PERSONAL** (15): Love and cliches in a television newsroom. Paper-thin romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford. Director, Jon Avnet. **Empire** ◪ (0990 888 990) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683)

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Matthew Parris

■ Even mountains change, but one thing in Africa has been hearteningly constant for decade after decade

"Take a motorbike and follow the red paint marks," said a smart alec South African friend over the phone last week, when told we were planning to climb Kilimanjaro. That did it. Until then we had been undecided whether to tackle Africa's highest mountain by the easy, popular route, or to try the more challenging Machame route. Seamus Brice-Bennett, who runs the Marangu hotel on the lower slopes, had suggested the Machame and said he could supply the crampons.

The ascent takes only elementary climbing skills, but makes for a tough four days, he said, though it is immensely beautiful. So the Machame route it has to be. The hotel is arranging the guide, porters, equipment and food, and we start at 7.30am tomorrow.

"You'll love it," Mrs Brice-Bennett has just told me. One does not speculate on a lady's age, but when her son Seamus told me that she climbed the mountain herself in the 1950s, when the summit was called Kaiser Wilhelm Spitz, and when she told me that Seamus — who is 40 — was her "baby boy", I guessed she could not be as young as she looks.

I remember her from seven years ago, when she was still in charge. I have climbed Kilimanjaro once in each decade of my life, from the second to (God willing, this week) the fifth.

As a schoolboy in Swaziland, I persuaded my school to mount an overland expedition through South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Zambia and Tanzania. Seventeen of us, of all races, led by our headmaster, the indomitable Michael Stern, reached the base. Fourteen reached the summit. I learnt for the first time that black people can suffer sunburn. So did they. We camped in the grounds of the Marangu hotel, too poor to stay but peering through the bougainvillaea at the scenes of comfort and civilisation.

In my twenties I persuaded four American friends from Yale to join me in buying an old Land Rover in London to travel through Europe, North Africa, the Sahara, West Africa, the Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania to Kilimanjaro. We all reached the top, John Imboden and I camping overnight on the summit, and proving to my own satisfaction that conventional mountaineering wisdom — climb high, sleep low — is wrong. One can get a good night's rest at 19,000 ft.

Beer, showers, and soft beds at the Marangu afterwards seemed like paradise. Nothing had changed.

We had cracked the chassis of our Land Rover in a crash in Cameroon. Riding on the roof, I was flung clear, but one of my shoulders has never recovered.

It was when I was 39 that the idea of revisiting Uhuru peak recurred. With Dave and Mark, I hit the Marangu trail amazed at the number of other walkers now tackling the mountain: a constant stream. The Tanzanian authorities were organising things better; there was a national park, with rangers, fees and an impression of reasonable professionalism. All four of us reached the top. On arrival back at base, dirty, exhausted, victorious, we treated ourselves to one night at the Marangu hotel. Still, nothing had changed.

They now call the Marangu route the Coca-Cola route. The trickle has become a flood, Tanzania has changed greatly in seven years. I wrote in this column then about the "African socialist" wreck from which the economy was crawling. It had been hard to run any kind of business, but one exception was the Marangu hotel. It seemed hardly to have changed in generations. Two ladies, Mrs Brice-Bennett and an older partner, a Czech, had created a walled garden of flowering trees and small bungalows, and the atmosphere could not have changed greatly since Uhuru peak was Kaiser Wilhelm Spitz. I was in my late thirties.

> The hotel has e-mail — which sounded ominous — but nothing else has changed

In the last weeks of my 47th year, it is time to try again. The Marangu hotel still exists. I got straight through on the telephone. I spoke to a Mr Brice-Bennett. His mother, whom I remembered, has handed it over to her youngest son. He told me I could arrange the climb through the hotel, discussing arrangements (should I wish) on e-mail.

Ominous. Could the hotel really be the same? E-mail? Did those old sepia tinted photographs of white men in floppy hats surrounded by teams of porters still grace the dining room? Was the pleasant atmosphere between management and staff still maintained? Tanzania has always been less racially charged than its neighbours.

And now I am here. Nothing has changed! The elderly Mrs Brice-Bennett glides around, looking elegant in long dresses. Her African assistant, Lucy, has grown in poise and confidence; her son Seamus and his wife Jackie remain in charge not so much of a commercial venture as of a piece of cultural heritage. And the bougainvillaea flowers on.

Tomorrow we shall start the climb. Successful or not we shall finish here. It is a place in some ways all out of kilter with developing Africa. But it is a bridge — if only Africa's leaders realised it — between the continent's past, of which we should be more proud than we are, and its future, in which we should have more confidence than we do.

The history of the United States has been full of violent incidents, but Americans feel newly threatened

When America itself is the target

The Centennial Olympic Park bomb and the destruction of TWA Flight 800 have come as a great shock to Americans. *The New York Times* has an interesting series of interviews with ordinary Americans whom they spoke to at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Chicago. A retired insurance agent says: "I'm afraid. America sure is changing. Where is it going to end?"

A barber who was taking the coach to visit his family in Baltimore says: "I really feel we are living in lost and evil days." On the television news the terrorist threat has swamped the Olympics themselves. There is little or none of the usual headline excitement as American athletes win gold medals at the Games, which themselves seem tarnished and lifeless.

To the historian, the belief that the United States has been exceptionally free from terrorism is untenable. Ted Robert Gurr's book *Violence in America* catalogues the "regular episodes of serious mass violence" committed by "out groups" for social reasons. They go back to the earliest days of the United States. The South was reconstructed after the Civil War by a popular white mass movement which involved riots, lynchings, mob action and the Ku Klux Klan. In the struggle to establish American trade unionism there were the Molly Maguires in the hard coalfields, and a railroad workers' riot which burnt down most of Pittsburg.

In this century there has been the revival of the Ku Klux Klan, which in the pre-prohibition years killed poor white drunks as well as blacks, the anarchist bombs of the 1920s, the riots and bombs of the 1960s, the assassinations, including those of the two Kennedys and Martin Luther King. The latest group of terrorist events includes the World Trade Centre (Islamic), Oklahoma City (right-wing militia), the Unabomber (environmentalist), the Olympic Park (probably local and amateur) and Flight 800 (perhaps international and professional).

The belief that these events represent the end of America's freedom from terrorists may be mistaken, but it is very strongly and widely held. Most Americans are not historically minded, though they have certain strong historical memories, which happen to include the assassinations of President Lincoln and President Kennedy, both of which were terrorist events. In fact, the pipe bomb that exploded in Olympic Park used the same relatively simple bomb technology as the pipe bomb incidents of the 1960s, which also occurred in the South — but nobody remembers them.

The reaction in America has been much greater than the British reaction to the end of the IRA ceasefire with the Docklands and Manchester bombs. The reason for this is partly the ending of a period of relative freedom from terrorist action in the United States, at least against domestic targets, in the 1970s and 1980s. It also comes from the large number of so-called "out groups" who might see terrorism as a way of expressing their social grievances.

In Britain we have had our own serious experiences of Islamic terrorism, the shooting in London of leading Jewish figures and dissident Islamic politicians, the Lockerbie disaster, the St James's Square shooting from the Libyan Embassy of a policewoman. There have also been terrorist occurrences arising from Indian issues. We have suffered 25 years of IRA terrorism, and Northern Ireland has suffered the counter-terror of the Protestant extremists. There have also been occasional "animal rights" acts of terror, but we do not have the oppressive fear that there are numerous other "out groups", any one of which might try to assert their influence on our society by violent means.

The opposite is the case in America.

William Rees-Mogg

Precisely because it is a world power, almost every world group with a grievance can blame the United States for their fate. Apparently some Israeli intelligence sources have been telling Washington that the Flight 800 catastrophe was caused by one of the Islamic terror groups, backed by Iran. That may or may not prove to be correct, but it does seem likely, on the evidence so far, that the aircraft was destroyed by a bomb, and both the bomb itself and the means of placing it on board could only have been the work of a sophisticated international terrorist organisation.

Most Americans now believe that Flight 800 was indeed a second Lockerbie, the deliberate destruction of an American aircraft and American lives by an international terrorist group, on this occasion in American rather than British airspace.

Naturally enough, many Americans want to hit back; President Clinton has rightly warned them against jumping to conclusions. Ross Perot, who looks a good deal weirder now that he is being recycled for 1996 than he did in 1992, is mouthing dire threats on American television. If it can be shown conclusively that Iran or Libya had a hand in the destruction of the aircraft — and so far it certainly cannot — there would be strong American pressure for an Israeli-type counter-stroke, in which more innocent people would almost certainly be killed.

There are also "out groups" in the United States itself. There is no society on earth which has greater opportunities for the many winners in the competitive struggle, but hardly any society produces larger groups of losers, and their anger is fuelled both by their own social failure and by the contrast with more successful groups. There are said to be more black young men in prison than there are in college.

The Oklahoma City bombing seems to have been motivated by the alienation of white ultra-conservative militia groups reacting against the avoidable Waco massacre by federal agencies. There are millions of Americans, black and white, who have not just lost confidence in a particular president, but in the federal government as such. They see Washington as the enemy. Some measure of the scale of this alienation is the 18 per cent of actual voters who supported Ross Perot in 1992. Another measure is the 45 or so per cent who do not vote in federal elections at all.

The bomb in Centennial Olympic Park killed 44-year-old Alice Hawthorne, of Oglethorpe Boulevard in Albany, Georgia: she was the receptionist at a local cable television company, and owned Fallon's Ice Cream and Hot Dog Parlor. Fallon is the name of her youngest daughter, as it was of the attractive daughter in the 1980s soap-opera, *Dynasty*. Mrs Hawthorne was a very good example of the America which now feels itself under attack. She belonged to the successful suburban life of cable television, of ice cream and hot dogs, of soap opera, of the local college football team, of the chamber of commerce of which she was a member.

This ordinary America now feels itself threatened both by international terrorist groups which resent the power of the United States, and by alienated groups in America itself — people who feel that they have been denied membership of the successful society of the American commonwealth. Some of these alienated people belong to extreme conservative groups and some to extreme groups on the left, but the sense of exclusion is much the same, and the bitterness is equally dangerous. Alice Hawthorne may not be long-remembered, though the bomb which killed her will be. She is an essentially anonymous victim. But she represents an America which is now experiencing the weight of fear, which "feels like we are living in lost and evil days".

The politics of small print

A written constitution is being created by stealth, says Peter Riddell

A further big step in the little noticed transformation of the British constitution will occur tomorrow. The Public Service Committee of the Commons will propose a new code setting out how ministers should be accountable to Parliament. This follows the adoption by the Commons last week of a code of conduct on MPs' duties and responsibilities. Britain's political culture is changing dramatically: in place of the old, informal understandings of the "good chaps know how to behave" kind, a series of formal rules is being introduced across public life. Together, they are as significant as more familiar arguments about devolution, House of Lords reform and the like.

Paradoxically, the politician most responsible for this constitutional upheaval is John Major. Some is intentional. He has backed public service reforms and the opening up of government. What has been described by David Willetts — the Government's in-house ideologist, now with the Pooh-Bahish title of Paymaster-General — as the "great codification" has been "a bold step towards explicit, transparent open codes in place of the old club". The changes have ranged from the Citizen's Charter, and its many progeny, to the Civil Service Code and Questions of Procedure for Ministers.

The proliferation of codes has gone much further than ministers originally intended. In particular, procedure for ministers has developed since its official publication in 1992 from a list of commonsense advice into a formal rulebook. The first Nolan report led to the creation within the procedures of a code of principles governing ministers' behaviour, as well as a code of practice for public appointments. The most damning sections of the Scott report, last February, were about multiple breaches of the procedures by ministers who gave misleading answers to Parliament. The managerial revolution in Whitehall has also strained ministerial accountability, since large areas of administration, from social benefits to prisons, are now run by semi-independent executive agencies. These issues came to a head last October over the sacking of Derek Lewis as head of the Prison Service: if he had to take the blame, should he, and other officials, be allowed to explain themselves more fully to Parliament, rather than always speaking under ministerial orders?

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The Government has tried to have it both ways, being organisationally radical but constitutionally conservative. In a speech on July 17, the Public Services Minister, Roger Freeman, denied there was any problem of accountability: even if a minister is not held personally responsible for every action of his or her department, Parliament does hold them to account and can force changes where policies are not working. Mr Freeman rejected proposals — put forward by, among others, the senior civil servants' union — for officials to be allowed to defend their actions. He was worried that this would mean the politicisation of the Civil Service.

But this can create a doctrine almost of irresponsibility. Ministers can shift blame to officials or agency heads, though the latter cannot defend themselves. Of course, it is silly to demand resignations whenever anything goes wrong, however trivial, as some mindless opposition MPs still do. But the current system has too many escape clauses. The Government sets rules, in procedure for ministers, which are flexible about accountability, and then itself decides whether they have been breached.

Tomorrow's report from the Public Service Committee has involved compromises on these issues, as was inevitable to gain the support of the Tory majority. But Giles Radice, its Labour chairman, has successfully brokered such cross-party agreements in the past, as in the report which led to the Civil Service Code. It was revealing that during the public hearings, David Hunt and Sir Peter Lloyd, the two former Tory ministers on the committee, were both sympathetic to change.

The main innovation is to suggest that Parliament should produce its own code, approved in a resolution of the House, setting out how it expects ministers to account to MPs in answering questions and providing information. This would be separate from procedure for ministers, which would remain a matter for the Prime Minister. Along with constitutional writers like Vernon Bogdanor, I have argued that a figure responsible to MPs — such as the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, the Ombudsman who investigates maladministration and monitors open government; the Comptroller and Auditor-General; or the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards — should investigate alleged breaches of the new code. But this was too radical for Tory members of the committee, or for Ann Taylor, Labour's Shadow Leader of the Commons, in her evidence. Instead, the committee is expected to propose that the Table Office of the Commons keep a list of questions not answered by ministers, and that this should be monitored by a committee: the obvious candidate being the Public Service Committee itself.

Similarly, the report will not directly confront the traditional doctrine of ministerial accountability, as set out by Mr Freeman. Rather, MPs will sidestep what had become a largely sterile debate and argue that there is no hard and fast distinction between accountability and responsibility, but rather a spectrum, depending on the degree of ministerial involvement in decisions. The report is likely to fudge the suggestion that officials should be allowed to answer more directly: proposing that, within overall ministerial accountability, Parliament would expect civil servants and heads of executive agencies to explain what they are doing under the framework agreements setting out the agencies' task and goals.

Overall, the report will be one of the most important produced by a Commons committee in this Parliament. It will not be the last word, even if its proposals are adopted by the House, as they should be. Many key issues will be unresolved. But the codification of British politics will have been taken a crucial stage further. The opponents of constitutional change are looking in the wrong direction. They are already being outflanked. A written constitution is fast being created.

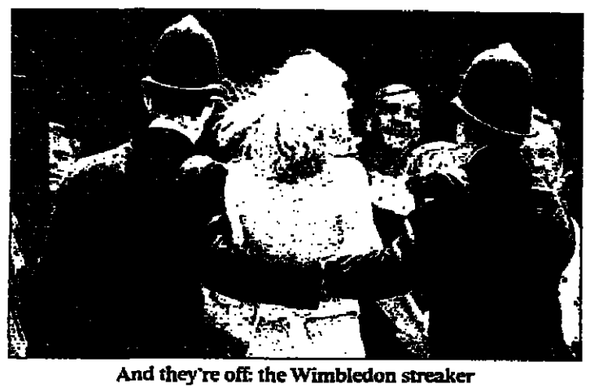
Warm streak

THE SUMMER streaking season continued yesterday at the Cartier International Polo at Windsor, when two young men dodged thundering hooves and swinging polo mallets to run naked past the Royal Box.

Just as Wimbledon last month notched up its first streaker when a girl hoiked up her pinafore before the Duchess of Kent on the Centre Court, and the golf Open at Lytham St Anne's experienced naturism at the 18th, so Smiths Lawn at Windsor has now seen its first exhibitionist.

Etiquette was already under scrutiny in the Royal Box, because the Queen was unaccountably taking tea with Elton John and his boyfriend, David Furnish. Sitting with a party of about 25 in the Royal Box, the singer sported a blinding white suit, while his boyfriend sat beside him in a dark blue blazer. Connoisseurs of such moments were already clattering their bone china at the bizarre thought of the Duke of Edinburgh entertaining Mr Furnish while the Queen conversed with the pop singer, when the streakers went whizzing past.

There was little to fear. Among other guests in the Royal Box was Betty Kenward, 90, one of the most formidable social commentators of our time, knew exactly how to behave. Showing grace under provocation, she set an example by ignoring the affrontery.



And they're off: the Wimbledon streaker

Dull dog

YESTERDAY'S *Sunday Telegraph* had no contribution by one of its most recent signings, the former Editor of *The Independent* and now Editor of *The New Statesman*, Ian Hargreaves. I am informed that the paper's Editor, Dominic Lawson, decided that his column was too boring and had to tell him that things were not, er, working out.

Hargreaves's stint at *The Sunday Telegraph* has been very short-lived, and Lawsnn confirms that he will not be returning. He pours oil on any suggestion of troubled waters, however: "We remain the best of friends," he says. "I was at the *New Statesman* party only the other night." But can it last? — the friendship, I mean.

● *The Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, gave ample access on Friday to television crews for the launch of his report* Access to Justice. *The result was the disturbing revelation that he exercises in the gym wearing a heavy pinstripe suit and tie. Is he fit for his post?*

Press barons

SCIONS of two great political families, who also happen to be former work colleagues, will be facing each other down at the general election.

In the blue corner is Anthony Gordon Lennox, 27, nephew of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and in the yellow corner is Jane Bonham Carter, daughter of the late Lord Bonham Carter and a great granddaughter of Asquith.

Gordon Lennox is to take over as chief broadcasting officer at Conservative Central Office, and Bonham Carter, his former mentor on Channel 4's *A Week in Politics*, is now running the press office for the Liberal Democrats. So, are they now sworn enemies? "You may well assume that," ventured Central Office.

One's squatter

THE QUEEN has been encountering staff difficulties in Norfolk, and for the first time has resorted to the courts to boot out an unwanted tenant on her Sandringham estate.

A gardener by the name of Anthony Townley, who was employed in the herbaceous borders until 1992, is to be sent packing after Her Majesty was granted an eviction order at Kings Lynn County Court.

Mr Townley's tenancy on a red-brick cottage ran out in April. He refused to move out, hasn't paid the £48 per week rent, and now owes more than £1,700 in arrears. In addition, he now faces £120 court costs. More than 100 people are employed at Sandringham, where the land agent, a Mr John Major, runs a tight ship. Squatting had never been encountered until now.

● *Squirrels are keeping English National Ballet dancers on their toes. The rodents have invaded the company's school in Chelsea, chasing tutu-clad girls shrieking into the street. Now that they have gnawed their way through a ballet barre, the ballet is determined to sue the local council and its pest control department.*

"Mr Mandelson, I'm looking for a press officer"

Or is it ta-ra?

VODKA-AND-TONICS across west London are at half mast today: the Tara and Tamara show is over. The friendship between Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, friend of the Princess of Wales and reader of books, and Tamara Beckwith, a rich girl with time to be photographed, is finished.

As England played Brazil at the Cartier polo yesterday (England 8 - Brazil 4), the gleaming-toothed Tara approached her former partner-in-lunch. But instead of the usual excited kissing, Tamara turned away coldly and cruelly, with the hauter of a cuckolded Frenchman. Swiftly, the agent of the two girls moved in, forcing them together for a picture. Their partnership is too photogenic to sacrifice to a fit of pique. But two flashes and a snatch of conversation later, they had separated once more. Asked whether the two were still friends, a close acquaintance said: "No, not really."

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ATLANTA'S ANGUISH

Evil cannot destroy the goodness in the Olympics

The great Atlanta street party may be over, its exuberant all-American confidence destroyed when nails and screws ripped into the late-night revellers at the Centennial Olympic Park. But the Olympics continue — as they did in 1972, after 11 Israeli athletes were murdered by Palestinian "Black September" guerrillas. The pledge by Billy Payne, the man who brought the Games to Atlanta, that the city would be "the safest place on the globe" has been cruelly exposed as over-confident. But that is no reason to question the credo he made his own in the years of preparation, that "the Olympics is an idea founded in goodness". Bill Clinton described the Games last week as "the antithesis of terrorism" and he was right. Even after these deaths and injuries, the Games should continue to be watched and prized for what they are — a great, even if increasingly commercialised, international celebration of youth, talent and life.

Soberingly, this is precisely what makes the Olympics a natural target. Cameras — although not, in this case, enough security cameras — are everywhere. The guarantee of global fame is absolute. Even with 30,000 security personnel deployed at a cost of $227 million, a determined terrorist equipped with a small device would always have a chance of slipping undetected through the sea of spectators. For the 16,150 competitors, coaches and officials, security at Atlanta has been tight — although not rigorous enough to prevent a man armed with a knife and semi-automatic pistol slipping into the stadium where President Clinton opened the Games. The bomber, predictably, sought out the softest target — and in Centennial Park, the huge precinct deliberately planned as an informal centre for "off-track" entertainment, the checks appear to have been far too lax. More people could have been saved had crowd-clearing begun the moment the telephoned warning was received. Even so, it should be noted that there had already been 35 false alarms at Atlanta, and 220 suspicious parcels and packages had been investigated; this knapsack had been spotted and, given a few more minutes, might have been made safe.

As Woody Johnson, who is leading the FBI investigation into the bombing, says, "there has to be a trade-off for a free society on how tough security is going to be". No one in Britain, which has lived for three decades with the difficulty of striking such a balance, could fail to sympathise. The traumas of Oklahoma and Atlanta, particularly shocking to Americans because they were inflicted by hate-crazed members of their own society, may help them to understand in turn the repugnance which IRA terrorism inspires here. Americans who continue to support Sinn Fein financially should pause to reflect at the thought that, as one shocked eye-witness at Atlanta whispered, "*real* people are getting hurt" by IRA terrorism that Sinn Fein refuses to condemn.

Tomorrow foreign and interior ministers of the Group of Seven, joined by their Russian colleagues, meet in Paris to reinforce international co-operation against terrorism, by sharing expertise and training for handling as well as preventing attacks and tackling trafficking in deadly chemical, nuclear and biological materials. They will also try to reach agreement on automatic extradition for terrorist offences, although the definition of what constitutes terrorism is notoriously elusive.

The probability that an explosion destroyed TWA Flight 800 underlines the urgency of such co-ordination. But the bomb that ripped Atlanta bears the hallmarks not of organised international terrorism, but of a home-grown epidemic of anti-federal paranoia. Not far from Atlanta this spring, members of a group calling itself the 112th Regiment, Militia at Large of the Republic of Georgia, were arrested and charged with conspiring to make pipe-bombs and other explosives. The FBI estimates that there are 800 such "patriotic" groups in America, some of them heavily — and, thanks to the power of the American gun lobby, legally — armed. What they share is less a political programme than a burning, conspiratorial rage against the State. This American way of terror has now, at the Atlanta Games, struck at all that is decent in a great country. American law must find ways to strike back.

FORTY YEARS ON

The turning-point that shocked Britain into the modern world

Suez was the moment when the British came down to earth with a bump. Forty years later, even those who were children at the time have vivid memories of national humiliation and of a country passionately divided. The decade after the Second World War had been grim enough at home and abroad, but the afterglow of victory had sustained British morale through rationing, the outbreak of the Cold War and the start of withdrawal from Empire. By the mid-Fifties, it seemed that prosperity was returning.

Suez changed all that. Yet it would not have happened but for the hubris of one man. The Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, suffered in an acute form from the Churchill complex shared by many of his generation. Eden saw Nasser as another Hitler. His compulsive desire to prove himself a great war leader played into the hands of his wily Chancellor, Harold Macmillan, who encouraged Eden to make the secret pact with Israel — a collusion which both Eden and his Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, were obliged to deny in public. Once British forces were engaged in Egypt, Macmillan helped to sabotage the entire policy by raising the spectre of a collapse of sterling. Eden's resignation in January 1957 was occasioned by ill-health: but it was caused by the Suez disaster, and in particular by the dawning awareness among Tories that the Commons had been deliberately misled.

The operation itself was doomed by Allied military weakness — itself a revelation to most Britons — but also by bad timing. The Soviet invasion of Hungary (which underlined the limits of Western power) could not have been anticipated, but the US presidential election certainly should have been. It was utterly unrealistic to expect Eisenhower to support an Anglo-French invasion of Egypt just a week before America went to the polls. The threat that Nasser's pan-Arabism posed to Western interests was outweighed by America's deep strain of anti-imperialism. Without America, the game was up.

What was the legacy of Suez? The illusion of global power was shattered, and British prestige in the Middle East never recovered. Though the oil supplies continued to flow, the region became a cockpit for the superpowers. Britain's special relationship with America survived Suez, more or less; but the French sense of betrayal by the Anglo-Saxons has lingered.

At home, the wounds of Suez cut deep. The era of Macmillan, Wilson and Heath concentrated on prosperity and security. British patriotism was embodied less in military strength than in sport, science or popular music. The iconoclastic culture of the swinging Sixties was a pan-Western rather than purely British phenomenon; but in this country, it was also an indirect reaction to the tragicomic humbling of the Establishment at Suez. In the Falklands, in Ulster, and then in the Gulf and in Bosnia, Britain was to recover its pride in its thoroughly professional Armed Forces. Britons under 40 are not defeatist; but after Suez it is hard to imagine us ever being triumphalist again.

DOWN THE TUBE

A strike for which there is no conceivable excuse

If the postal workers can solve their disputes with management through negotiation, why cannot Aslef and the RMT, the Rail Maritime and Transport union? For readers outside London, the Underground dispute may seem distant and irrelevant, although the consequences of RMT militancy will rapidly be brought home to many of them too, if RMT workers in 11 train operating companies vote later this week for industrial action over productivity payments and refreshment breaks. But for the many millions of people who live in and around the capital, the prospect of another Tube strike today and six more in the next six weeks is past tolerating.

Today promises to be a repeat of last Thursday, when commuters deprived of even a skeleton service on the Tube sweated their way to work, sometimes taking several hours in each direction. It was quicker to walk than to drive: from rollerblades to bicycles, Londoners tried every ruse short of the broomstick to keep on the move. They even lamented the demise of the previously little-used river bus service down the Thames. The roads were bursting with traffic, so the traditional public transport alternative to the Tube — the bus — was impractical, even when it was possible to secure a place on one. Tempers rose along with temperatures.

Commuting was never fun; now it has become hell, taking two to three hours to travel just a few miles. Londoners are livid. Why, they ask, should they be punished because London Underground and its staff are arguing over what both sides claim is a misunderstanding? The time should surely be past when the customer is held hostage in an industrial dispute.

New Labour is supposed to favour the consumer over the producer: in this case, the traveller rather than the driver. Vestiges of old Labour remain in the instincts of people such as Clare Short, rightly deprived last week of the Shadow transport portfolio. But any politician ought to understand how anachronistic these strikes feel. Most passengers are bewildered by the unions' reluctance to go to arbitration; if the argument is about whether or not London Underground reneged on a deal made last year, an arbitrator could surely determine the issue.

Instead, Aslef and the RMT have already held five strikes, and today's will be the sixth. They have the gall to "apologise" for "the inconvenience caused", with a hypocrisy that would be funny if conditions were not so serious. The unions have it in their power to lift this miserable "inconvenience" whenever they like. Instead they bluster and blackmail on as if they were back in the 1970s. By doing so, all they achieve is to diminish what little support they might ever have had for their cause. Stranded passengers meanwhile yearn for the universal introduction of the driverless train.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's constitution plans for Scotland and the Lords

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, Hereditary peers are beyond redemption. But life peers do much valuable work. In any scheme to reform the Lords (Lord Blake's article, "Constituting trouble", July 23) their contribution must be preserved.

This need not, however, prevent an elected element being introduced in order to provide greater representation of regional and local interests. The desire to ensure such interests were represented in Congress heavily influenced the constitution of the US Senate.

The paradox is that in creating the Senate the founding fathers were inspired by the model of the 18th-century House of Lords.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD A. EDWARDS,
60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire.
July 23.

From Mr Derek Young

Sir, Lord Blake raises the West Lothian question. This question is a hypothesis on a future situation, and if it is "intolerable", as Lord Blake suggests, this will only be because of the attitude of English MPs of all parties. However, the *Westminster* question is not a hypothetical situation but a reality for all Scots in an incorporating union.

Our views are repeatedly ignored and overruled by the votes of over 500 English MPs in the House of Commons to our 72. If home rule can solve this real problem, instead of an imaginary one, it really will make a difference.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK YOUNG
(Youth Officer),
Scottish Liberal Democrats,
4 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh 12.
July 23.

From Mr Tim Hailes

Sir, If the Scots genuinely desire their own Parliament (on which issue I remain thoroughly unconvinced) then I think it quite bizarre to expect English taxpayers to either subsidise it or continue to permit over-representation at Westminster.

In fact, the more I think about it, the *more attractive a policy it becomes for* the Conservatives: devolution for Scotland and a consequential removal from this tax jurisdiction would allow the Chancellor to knock a hefty slice off the basic rate of tax for the English taxpayer.

I resist making any comment on the resulting basic rate for the Scots.

Yours faithfully,
TIM HAILES,
Wilde Sapte (solicitors),
1 Fleet Place, EC4.
July 23.

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, Jonathan Clark ("Back to Edwardian values, July 17) is right to say that the constitution is about to become a battleground in British politics and that it raises profound questions of values.

What is strange is to see Charter 88 described as "radical individualists". Of course we are committed to fundamental democratic reform of the constitution. We want to put an end to the absolute sovereignty of Parliament, which in reality far too often represents the absolute sovereignty of the executive arm of the State.

We do not argue this from the point of view of an "omnicompetent individual, divorced from duties". To the contrary, we are concerned about decreasing public interest in representative politics, growing cynicism about politicians, and the reluctance of many to assume they have a responsibility to others in their society.

A modern complex democracy requires a new model of citizenship where we are no longer merely subjects to be governed, but people with the equal right to participate in shaping the affairs of our society and the willingness to accept the responsibilities that come with that.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW PUDDEPHATT,
Director,
Charter 88,
Exmouth House, 3-11 Pine Street, EC1.
July 22.

From Lady Gass

Sir, In all the comments about membership of the House of Lords there is one extraordinary matter which is rarely raised: the fact that hereditary peerages cannot normally be inherited by women.

This form of discrimination, which began at a time when women were considered to be chattels, is not exactly in keeping with the aim of equal opportunities. Only 17 women out of a total of 770 hereditary peers are entitled to sit in the Lords; among the 374 life peers there are 65 women; there are no women law lords or bishops.

Deciding on the best form and membership of the second chamber of government seems unlikely to be simple. In the meantime it surely would be simple to change the law so that peerages could be inherited by daughters as well as sons, and thus begin to redress the balance between men and women in the present chamber.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH GASS,
Fairfield,
Stogursey, Bridgwater, Somerset.
July 21.

Hungry badgers on the increase?

From Ms Elaine King

Sir, I sympathise with Mr Rupert Ridge (letter, July 22) whose hens have repeatedly been attacked by badgers, but he has only himself to blame.

Badgers kill poultry only in exceptional circumstances. The drought we are now experiencing makes it increasingly difficult for them to obtain their preferred food (earthworms) and, along with other wild animals, they must turn to alternative sources of food to survive.

Those who keep hens must surely take responsibility for them and protect them adequately. Doing otherwise is tantamount to offering a wild animal a tempting meal which cannot escape and then blaming the animal for accepting the offer.

The suggestion that badger numbers have reached pest proportions is, we believe, a fashionable myth which should be dispelled by the forthcoming results of the latest national badger survey.

Yours faithfully,
ELAINE KING
(Conservation Officer),
National Federation of
Badger Groups,
15 Cloisters Business Centre,
8 Battersea Park Road, SW8.
July 22.

From Miss Carol M. Longton

Sir, On the same day that your front page carried a picture of a crowded Bournemouth beach at the height of the heat wave, Mr Rupert Ridge boldly asserts, as his chickens are plagued by badgers, that "in their current numbers these magnificent animals are now also a pest". Looking again at Bournemouth's beach, one wonders if the badgers would be so very wrong to think the same of us.

Yours faithfully,
CAROL LONGTON,
35 Vine Tree Close,
Withington, Hereford.
July 22.

From Mr Hugo Rainey

Sir, Any predator, from a fox in a hen coop to a thief in an unguarded jewellery shop, when confronted by abundant displays of prey or booty, will have no hesitation in taking as much as possible. The rationale for the destructive behaviour of a wild carnivore confronted by confined domestic animals is that the prey are unable to escape as they would do in the wild.

Once a predator has taken its prey then it would not normally wish to chase further animals unless they took little further energy to catch.

Mr Ridge would be wise to invest in more effective anti-predator fences. If the badgers' favourite restaurant changes its door policy then they will have no choice but to go elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,
HUGO RAINEY,
Tanyard, Steeple Bumpstead,
Haverhill, Suffolk.
July 22.

From Mr Peter Gillies

Sir, The hen, badger and man all have their place in the countryside. I suggest the pest is the one who wishes to reorganise the natural order.

Humbly yours,
PETER GILLIES,
Spoods Farm, Tinkers Lane,
Hadlow Down, Uckfield, Sussex.
July 22.

Judicial appointments

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, I would be concerned if potential applicants for judicial appointment were deterred by Miss Christina Gorna's view (letter, July 18) that an age limit of 50 is the commonly observed convention on such appointments.

It is the case that for Assistant Recordership, which is the part-time judicial service I require as a test of suitability before considering candidates for the Circuit Bench, the age limit is normally 50. This is to allow a sufficient period of training and part-time experience in advance of any application for the Circuit Bench. But I apply no age limit to applicants for silk. For the Circuit Bench and the District Bench, the normal age limit is 60.

However, I have on many occasions made it clear that those age limits will be applied flexibly in appropriate cases, for example where a practitioner has started a career later than is usual or taken a career break, for example in order to have children. While the only test I apply must be that of merit, I have actively encouraged more applications from suitably qualified women lawyers. Senior members of the Judicial Appointments Group in my Department are available for consultation by anyone seeking advice, whether about making applications or the outcome of an unsuccessful application.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES MACKAY,
House of Lords.
July 23.

BSE and sheep

From Professor Emeritus Ivor H. Mills

Sir, Today's announcement by the EU Agriculture Commissioner, Franz Fischler, that the BSE agent has infected sheep by experimental means should come as no surprise. It must, nevertheless, horrify us by its implications (letters, July 26).

Since it is most probable that BSE originated from the abnormal prions in sheep with scrapie, it seems very probable that the prion mutation which gave rise to BSE could be transmitted back to sheep. Let us have no waffle from vets that there is no evidence that this occurs in the normal situation. To differentiate in the field between scrapie, which in 200 years has not been shown to infect man, from "BSE" in sheep would obviously be nearly impossible.

It has been suggested that the new form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in young people has originated from BSE in cattle, so it must be assumed that it would be possible for "BSE" in sheep to be transmitted to man.

The question is, how could BSE infect sheep other than by experimental means? Even though we cannot answer this question we must still assume it is possible and take steps to keep such infected sheep material out of the human food chain. Is it enough, as Franz Fischler proposes, to exclude brain, spinal cord and spleen of sheep and goats from human food? Why not also exclude intestines, tonsils and thymus and restrict the use of mechanically recovered meat from such animals?

As a long-term measure surely it is time to start the complete elimination of scrapie from our flocks of sheep and goats.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR H. MILLS,
University of Cambridge
Clinical School,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Trumpington Road, Cambridge.
July 23.

From Miss V. E. Norris

Sir, In his article today on a BSE scare in sheep, your Agriculture Correspondent states that "(sheep's) brain has a tiny market, mostly among some Muslim communities". Once again the North of England is ignored. The poor in Lancashire have been eating sheep's head brawn for centuries, as the only affordable form of animal protein.

I remember being put off eating brawn for life by watching my aunt boil down a sheep's head, price 6d, in the early Sixties. Only a couple of weeks ago I saw brawn on sale in a local supermarket and, when I expressed surprise, I was told that many older people "love their brawn". I am sure that Lancastrians are not the only people to indulge in this northern delicacy.

Yours faithfully,
V. E. NORRIS,
13 Whalley Grove, Leigh, Lancashire.
July 24.

Saudi tragedy

From Mr Wafic Rida Saïd

Sir, The suggestion in your report of July 17, headed "Affection for Britain lures financier into limelight", that my "place on the world's financial stage" is the indirect result of my son's accidental death in Saudi Arabia is utterly wrong.

By the time of my son's death I already had well established and successful businesses. Moreover, my friendship with the Saudi Royal Family was such that I and my family were in the Kingdom at that time to be granted Saudi citizenship by royal decree.

You cannot imagine the pain this false suggestion inflicts upon my family and myself.

Yours faithfully,
WAFIC SAID,
27 Avenue Princesse Grace,
98000 Monaco.
July 17.

Question of degree

From Dr P. J. Foster

Sir, Professor Myddelton criticises the notion of an external body for examining in universities largely, it seems, on the grounds of practicality (letter, July 23). Surely to cede control of its intellectual life, including examining, is to cease to be a university.

Yours faithfully,
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July 26.

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Overseas Development

From the Director of Oxfam

Sir, When we heard that Clare Short had been appointed Shadow Minister for Overseas Development (reports and leading article, July 26), we were delighted that someone who had secured such a ringing endorsement from the Parliamentary Labour Party had been given this key portfolio.

Since then, we have been angered by media coverage which has consistently portrayed Ms Short's appointment as a demotion. At a time when Burundi stands on the brink of chaos (reports, July 26, 27; leading article, July 27), reminding all of us of the genocide and humanitarian crisis in Rwanda a couple of years ago, we are appalled that the media has collectively chosen to portray the Overseas Development portfolio as being of so little consequence.

We live in a world where one person in five continues to live in absolute poverty, where 800 million people go hungry every night and where 35,000 children die every day from preventable diseases. Is it really too much to ask journalists to consider that there is a world outside Westminster which actually matters?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BRYER,
Director, Oxfam,
274 Banbury Road, Oxford.
July 26.

BBC World Service

From Mr R. W. Kennard

Sir, Surely, the essential reason why the BBC World Service (letters, June 19; July 5, 17, 18, 25) is such a priceless national asset boils down to news values.

Whilst, to the BBC domestic news services, the minutiae of isolated incidents of violent death, personality cults and petty politics are assumed to be of primary interest to the UK population, the World Service takes a refreshingly different view. At one time Radio 4 was a beacon of intelligent debate but sadly this has been diluted. The argument is purely to do with treating the audience as serious-minded, intelligent people.

Far from defending Mr Birt's proposed changes (report, July 26) the BBC Governors should, in my view, urge him to seriously consider the takeover by the World Service of the BBC domestic news services, not vice versa.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. KENNARD,
Graig Farm,
Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.
July 26.

French royal tombs

From Dr Christopher Wilson

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Hinton claims (letter, July 17) that I was wrong to state (report, July 10) that the French royal tombs were destroyed during and after the revolution.

This is to miss the point that a tomb is first and foremost a structure over a burial. The bodies of the French kings and queens were burnt in 1793 and the monuments carted off to a museum in Paris. In 1817 they were returned to St Denis, together with monuments from other churches, and since then they have been rearranged several times.

The monuments at St Denis therefore amount to no more than a museum of funerary sculpture which happens to be in the building that was the French royal mausoleum until 1789. At Westminster the tombs are still royal graves and occupy their original sites. Once again, we British fail to appreciate the special value and distinctiveness of our cultural patrimony.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER WILSON,
2 Twisden Road, NW5.
July 23.

The sound and the fury

From Mr Michael Cole

Sir, Kelvin Nel (letter, July 26) asserts that cinema managers like him are "ordered" by film directors and/or distributors to play their films at particular sound levels, even if it deafens the audience.

The manager at my local cinema had a different explanation when I remonstrated with him recently, on behalf of my family and the majority of a small audience, over an unacceptably loud film. He said that his up-to-date projection equipment using the very latest cinematographic technology "incorporated the sound track into the film itself" and "that *therefore* [sic] the volume could not be independently adjusted".

It was only on my expressing surprise that his state-of-the art equipment did not contain an old-fashioned control, possibly circular in nature but clearly marked "volume", that the sound level was reduced.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL COLE,
7 Pulleyn Drive, York.
July 26.

A cup overflowing?

From Mr Terence W. Wiseman

Sir, I note (Church News, July 25) that the Reverend David Burrell has withdrawn his acceptance of the post of Priest-in-charge, Colkirk w Oxwick and Pattesley, Whissonsett, Horningtoft, Brisley, Great Ryburgh w Little Ryburgh and Testerton, Gateley, and Shereford w Dunton (Norwich).

Was it because he could not find notepaper large enough or because his answering machine would not take his outgoing message?

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE W. WISEMAN,
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July 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 27: The Prince of Wales today visited Gwynedd and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Meuric Rees).

His Royal Highness this morning visited 6 Palace Street, Caernarfon, and met members of the Caernarfon Heritage Trust who are restoring the building.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, afterwards met members of the Caernarfon Business Partnership Group.

His Royal Highness, President, later joined a meeting of senior business leaders in Nant Peris, Llanberis, as part of Business in the Community's "Seeing is Believing" programme.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon visited the Welsh Slate Museum, Llanberis, and attended a lunchtime presentation by the "Makers of Wales" Millennium Festival Campaign.

His Royal Highness, Vice President, afterwards visited National Trust estates at Hafod y Porth and Craflwyn, Beddgelert.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 27: The Duke of Gloucester today presented New Colours to the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers at Dreghorn Barracks, Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 28: Mr James Mist was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Colonel Sir Brian Bartlelot, Bt (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick airport, London, this morning on the departure of the Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Palmer and bade farwell to Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 28: The Duke of York this afternoon left Heathrow airport, London, for Seattle, United States of America, to mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Oregon Treaty.

Sir Michael Pike (Special Representative of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was present and took leave of His Royal Highness.

Captain Neil Blair RN and Mr Geoffrey Crawford are in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 28: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon attended the launch of The Prince's Trust — Bro at Margam Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mr Robert Hastie).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Bradshaw, originator of railway guides, Salford, 1801; Alexis Charles de Tocqueville, historian, Paris, 1805; Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator, Predappio, Italy, 1883; Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the UN 1953-61, Jönköping, Sweden, 1905.

DEATHS: Thomas Stucley, adventurer, killed at the battle of Alcazar, 1578; William Wilberforce, leader of the anti-slavery movement, London, 1833; Robert Schumann, composer, Bonn, 1856; Vincent Van Gogh, painter, committed suicide, Anvers-sur-Oise, 1890; John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1898; King Umberto I of Italy 1878-1900, assassinated, Monza, 1900; Sir John Barbirolli, conductor, London, 1970; Herbert Marcuse, philosopher, California, 1979; Luis Buñuel, Spanish film director, Mexico City, 1983.

Sir Francis Drake, having been told of the sighting of the Spanish Armada, put to sea with the British fleet, 1588.

The first Olympic Games since the Second World War opened at Wembley, 1948.

Scriveners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Scriveners' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr B.D. O'Meara; Upper Warden, Mr D. Jackson; Renter Warden, Mr O.J.R. Kinsey.

Service

Jeremy Sinden

There will be a Service to celebrate the life and work of Jeremy Sinden at noon on Thursday, September 5, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden.

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, will be the host at a reception at Powys Castle, Welshpool, at 4.30 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Farmers' Union of Wales, and, as Vice President of the National Trust, will attend a premiere of the film *August* at the Theatr Clwyd, Mold, at 7.40, in aid of the trust's Snowdonia appeal.

Birthdays

Professor Gustav Born, pharmacologist, 75; Professor Patricia Clarke, biochemist, 77; Sir Michael Davies, former High Court judge, 75; Miss Kay Dick, writer, 81; Mr Max Faulkner, golfer, 80; Sir Leslie Fielding, former Vice-Chancellor, Sussex University, 64; Miss Sally Gunnell, athlete, 30; Mr Joe Johnson, snooker player, 44; Lord Kilpatrick of Kilcraig, 70; Mr J.M. Pickard, chairman, London Docklands Development Corporation, 64; Viscount Ridley, KG, 71; Sir John Saunders, former chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 79; Lord Scarman, 85; Miss Wendy Taylor, sculptor, 51; Lord Weinstock, 72.

Service luncheon

The Staffordshire Regiment
Colonel T.R. Cottis, Colonel of The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), presided at a luncheon of the Officers' Luncheon and Dinner Club held on Saturday at Clive Barracks, Shropshire.

Service dinner

Buckinghamshire Cadet Bttn
Lord Cottesloe was the guest of honour at a dinner night of the Officers of the Buckinghamshire Cadet Battalion Royal Green Jackets held on Saturday at Penally Training Camp, Tenby, Dyfed. Major M.J. Robins presided.

Monastery gives up two 'lost' country mansions

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TWO country houses have been found by archaeologists in Somerset. Built in the 18th century by two of England's most famous architects, one was never completed and both had disappeared.

The earlier house was by James Gibbs (1682-1754), who built St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square and also the Senate House of Cambridge University. He prepared a plan in 1717 for the conversion of the existing structure, the remains of a medieval priory.

The later house, of 1752, was designed by Robert Adam (1728-92) who, with his younger brother James (1730-94), was responsible for many of the most elegant houses of the age, including the now-demolished Adelphi in London.

The foundations of the two mansions, at Witham, near Frome, were located during a survey of the medieval monastery that once occupied the site. The oldest Carthusian foundation in England, Witham had been converted to secular use at the dissolution of the monasteries in Henry VIII's reign.

The discovery, by Robert Wilson-North of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments for England (RCHME), came when he began to plot the earthworks at Witham and realised that "it did not make sense as a Carthusian monastery". Realising that the undulations were the remains of later elaborate gardens, Mr Wilson-North searched local archives at Taunton and found Gibbs's plan.

"I took the plan out to the site, where we immediately realised that the earthworks south of the Great Western Railway line, which cuts diagonally across the site, corresponded with the 1717 plan. To the west a rectangular area was surely the entrance court. Once we recognised this, it gave us not only the position of the house, but more important, its orientation. It looked west, not as one might expect, south," he reports in *Current Archaeology*.

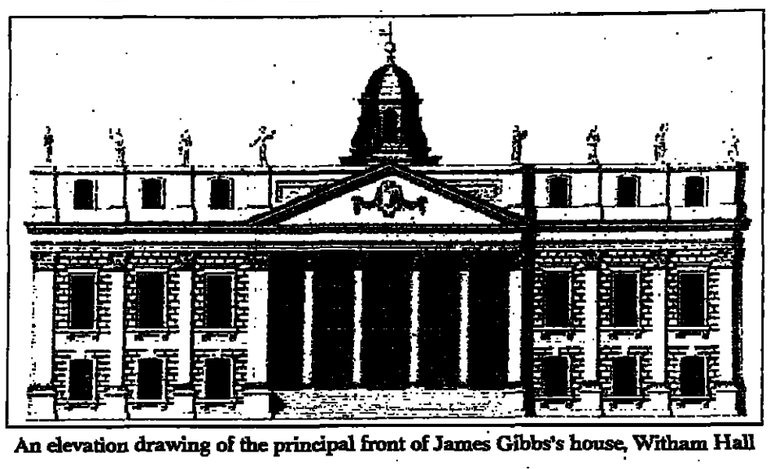
A geophysical survey showed that this house lay on the north side of the Carthusian cloister, which became its private garden and may have survived as a covered walk. "The survey showed that the 1717 plan was not just a proposal for a house, but a plan of what had actually existed," Mr Wilson-North says.

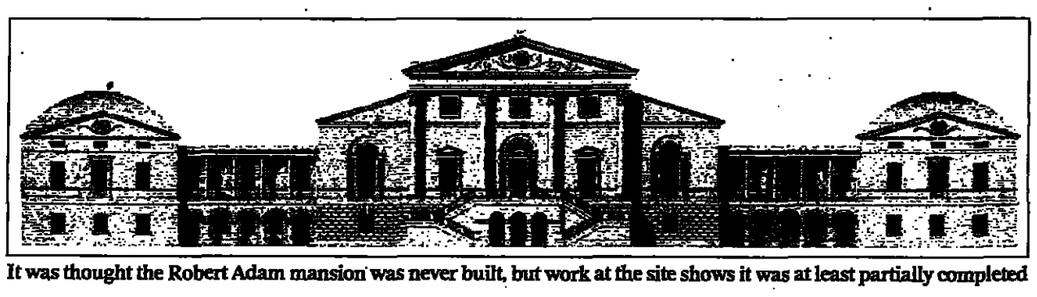
The second house, seen first as another set of flattened earthworks, was then found. The design was commissioned from Robert Adam by William Beckford, Lord Mayor of London, who had bought the estate.

"The plan and elevation are well known to students of Adam's work, but it has been assumed that the house was never built," Mr Wilson-North says. "However, when we transcribed RAF air photographs taken in 1947 and placed the plans of the house over the top, they fitted exactly. It is clear that the house was built, even if possibly it was never completed."

Mr Wilson-North speculates that Adam intended to re-expose the ruined priory as "an authentic Gothic ruin or folly," a plan abandoned when William Beckford died in 1770 and his son abandoned the half-built mansion to create his own great folly at Fonthill, ten miles away in Wiltshire.

Adam's work was demolished some two centuries ago, and the remains of Gibbs's house lasted until the railway was driven through Witham in 1854. Today only undulations in the fields remain to attest to the former existence of three great English buildings.


An elevation drawing of the principal front of James Gibbs's house, Witham Hall


It was thought the Robert Adam mansion was never built, but work at the site shows it was at least partially completed

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.P.E. Marsland and Miss C.A.R. Carr
The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Marsland, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Candia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Carr, of Withington, Gloucestershire.

Mr O.R. Tant and Miss C.L. Spittlehouse
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Tant, of Worcester Park, Surrey, and Louise, only daughter of Mr James Spittlehouse and the late Mrs Jane Spittlehouse, of Sheffield.

Mr M.I. Tyler and Miss K.E. Danin
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Tyler, of Woodford Bridge, Essex, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clem Danin, of Cranbrook, Kent.

Marriages

Mr D.D. Butler and Miss S.A. Young
The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Cookham, Berkshire, of Mr David Butler, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Butler, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, to Miss Sophia Young, elder daughter of Sir George and Lady Young, of Cookham. The Rev David Rossdale officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Phoebe Clater and Pendragon Stuart. Mr Richard Leggatt was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Connemara.

Mr J.P. Middleton and Miss C. Campbell Golding
The marriage took place on Friday, July 26, at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Middleton, and Clare, daughter of Mr Colin Campbell Golding and Mrs Anthony Travis. The Rev Derek Watson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Juliette Campbell Golding, Kirsty Easdale, Davina Hobbs, Letitia Marsh and Francesca Stevens. Lieutenant D.J. Middleton, RN, was best man.

The reception was held at the Chelsea Physic Garden and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.B. MacIntyre and Miss A.M.McL. Corrie
The marriage took place on July 27, at St Peter's, Henfield, of Mr Duncan MacIntyre to Miss Arabella Corrie.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Georgina Corrie, Cleodie Swire, Harriet Loder, Camilla Levitte, Duncan and Andrew Bucknill and George Pullen. Mr Nicholas Jackson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr M.T. Nicholson and Miss L.D. Butler
The marriage took place on Friday, July 12, in Durham, of Mr Mark Nicholson, son of the late Mr D. Nicholson and of Mrs D. Nicholson, of Harbour House, Co Durham, to Miss Lucille Butler, only daughter of Mr D. Butler, of Nutfield, Surrey, and Mrs J. Butler, of Ditchling, Sussex.

Mr S.J.H. Paine and Miss S.J. Tromans
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, of Mr Simon Paine, younger son of Sir Christopher and Lady Paine, of Withypool, Somerset, to Miss Samantha Tromans, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Tromans, of Henlow, Bedfordshire. The Rev A.C. Winter officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Georgina Tromans, Jocelyn and Eleanor Petrie, Ella Callow, Victoria Popplewell, Sophie and Laura Paine. Mr Neville Sanderson was best man.

A reception was held at Drapers' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in Grenada.

Mr D.B. Staveley-Taylor and Miss F.J. Roberts
The marriage took place on July 27, at St Joseph's Church, Bracknell, of Mr David Benjamin Staveley-Taylor, youngest son of Mr D. Staveley-Taylor and of Mrs M.M. Staveley-Taylor, to Miss Felicity Roberts, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Roberts. The Rev Michael Hore officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily and Sarah Linford and Emily, Jessica and Camilla Staveley-Taylor. Mr Edmund Sparks was best man.

University news

Oxford
Hicks and Webb Medley Prizes
The Prizes, for the best performance in Economics in the Honour Schools of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and Modern History and Economics, have been awarded to: Malcolm J.E. Millar, Merton College; Matthias Wernicke, Mansfield College.
Wilma Crowther Memorial Prize
The prize has been awarded jointly to: Katherine Leila Northam, Lady Margaret Hall; Charlotte Louise Spencer, New College.
Eugene Havas Memorial Prize
The prize, for the best performance in the examination for the Special Diplomas in Social Studies and in Social Administration: Jonathan Gush, St Edmund's Hall.

Hertfordshire
Pass list for 2nd year Legal Practice course:
R A Ingram, E B Truman, A Banks, B Connor, A M Curry, M H L Facchino; K Howard, K Ioannou, J S Levey, H Mashru, E Matheson-Harley, N Mitchell, V A Solomon, J M Stirling, N Afia, F E Barr, V A Byrne, S D Chauhan, S S Chitolie, L J Donovan, D J Dunwoody, J A Johnson, A E Low, P E Miller, D A Muspratt, N Patel, N J Sanghera, P K Sidhu, W J Thomas, T Vyas, G Woolley.

RMAS Intake 17

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, and colleagues from home and overseas attended a reunion luncheon of Intake 17 (January 1955-July 1956) Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, held on Saturday at the academy to mark the 40th anniversary of their commissioning.

Appointment

Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Denison-Smith has become Chairman of The Army Cadet Force Association in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett.

Latest wills

Mrs Rachel Georgiana **Blakiston**, of London SW3, the writer who, as a Russell by birth, wrote *Lord William Russell and his Wife* (1972) and *Woburn and the Russells*, (1980), left estate valued at £370,073 net.

Mr Ronald Tombs **Horton**, of Clive, near Shrewsbury, Salop, formerly of Warwick, left estate valued at £3,101,902 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Valerie Helen Susan **Norris**, of Billingshurst, West Sussex £1,147,870

Mr Chandubhai Mathurbhai **Patel**, of London NW10. £1,177,730

Mr Robert Henry Ashley **Wais**, of Sulgrave, Northamptonshire £1,041,607

Mr Frederick William **Appleby**, of Sale, Greater Manchester £807,800

Mrs Elinor Mary **Clouston**, of Sevenoaks, Kent..... £1,993,015

Mr Robert **Winter-Evans**, of Sidmouth, Devon..... £696,950

Mr Francis Howard **Fielder**, of Bramley, Surrey £629,632

Nature notes

BLACK-HEADED gulls are drifting back into town parks and playing fields after breeding. They have a light, dipping flight, more like terns than other gulls. The adults still have their dark-brown summer hoods; the young birds are mottled brown all over.

The last barley is being cut, and families of short-tailed young pheasants come running out of it. The countryside is falling silent, but a few yellowhammers and linnets are still singing in hedgerow trees. Both these species go on nesting well into August. An occasional reed or sedge warbler can be heard singing a clinking song.

Wild basil is in flower on grassy banks. It has bright pink blossoms at the top of the stalk, and the whole plant has a sweet, aromatic odour. Bird's foot trefoil is common on grass verges, its yellow and red flowers giving it the name "bacon and eggs". The pink spires of marsh wound wort are growing tall at the edge of ponds, and the white flowers of water crowfoot rise above leaves floating on the water.

There has been a large immigration of painted lady butterflies this year, and in some places crowds of them feed on thistle flowers. DJM

The linnet

Legal appointments

The Attorney-General has made the following appointments:
To be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to Her Majesty's Customs & Excise on the South Eastern Circuit: Mr Mukul Chawla and Mr Peter Finnigan.
To be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to Her Majesty's Customs & Excise on the Wales and Chester Circuit: Mr Huw Davies.
To be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to Her Majesty's Customs & Excise on the Western Circuit: Mr David Bartlett and Mr Andrew Chubb.

Inner Temple
Lord Justice Staughton to be Treasurer for 1997; Lady Justice Butler-Sloss to be Reader for 1997.

Lincoln's Inn
The following have been elected officers of Lincoln's Inn for the ensuing year:
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BIRTHS

FITZALAN HOWARD - On 17th July, to Claire and Harry, twin boys, brothers for George and Marina.

HENSON - On 17th July, to Sonia (née Deverell) and Jonathan, a son, Robert Stephen Edmund.

DEATHS

BANFIELD - Frank, suddenly on July 24th 1996 aged 88 years. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o B.C. Baker & Son, 15-17 High Street, Caterham, CR3 5UE.

BAYLISS - Edna of Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, died tragically in a road accident on July 24th. She was greatly loved and will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Tettenhall, on Friday August 2nd at 11.45 am, followed by cremation at Bushbury. Family flowers only. Donations to the Medical Research Institute, University of Warwick, to F. Jennings & Sons, St James House, Horsefey Field, Wolverhampton, WV1 3DN.

BURROWS - Ruth Tregonling on Friday July 26th, aged 79 beloved wife of Bob (Eric), much adored mum to Rob and Jill, much loved Nanna to Charlotte, Liz and Fleur, Great Nanna to Tomas. Thankfully "Ruthie" died peacefully at home after a long and brave battle against Chronic Airway Disease. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 31st. Family flowers only please. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund preferred.

CRISP - John Viall (Jack) peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 23rd July. Beloved husband and life long friend of Kay and husband of the late Patricia. Father of Carolyn. President of the Blue Cross. Cremation at Garston 12 noon Thursday 1st August. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Blue Cross. All enquiries J.J. Burgess & Sons. (01707) 262122.

DENNING - Tricia, after a brave fight against cancer, on Thursday 25th July at Tunbridge Wells Nuffield Nursing Home. Beloved wife, mother, granny and friend. Funeral 4 pm Wednesday 31st July at St Mary's Lamberhurst. Family flowers only - donations to Hospice in the Weald.

DEATHS

GORDON - On 24th July, shortly after her 87th birthday, Jennifer Ruth, at BUPA Hospital, Bushey; a very much loved sister, partner, aunt and Godmother, who bore her last illness with great bravery. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, London N11 on Thursday 1st August at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to W. Nodes, 37A High Street, Barnet, Herts., EN5 5UW, telephone: (0181) 449-3355.

HADFIELD - Samuel (Sam) Maxwell John. Died July 26th aged 23, at his home in Farnham, after a courageous fight over many years against depressive illness. Darling beloved son of Max and Cay. Much loved brother of Edward. Funeral arrangements through Thorne-Leggett (01420) 488896.

HAY - Michael died while on holiday in Austria, 19th July, aged 85.

HAZEON - On 24th July 1996 at Worthing Hospital in his 78th year, Leslie was for many years a patient at Forest Hospital, Horsham; St Nicholas Unit, Shoreham and latterly at the Minstrels Gallery. He loved, and was loved by, all his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday 31st July at 11.20 am. Family flowers only please, donations in his memory may be sent c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W. Sx. Tel: (01903) 234616.

LORD - Winnifred Petunia, née Lochmere, on July 26th 1996, died peacefully at BUPA Ashley House, Cirencester, Glos, after a long illness aged 88. Wife of Dick M.E.C. Lord, killed on active service RNVR H.M.S Airdale 15th June 1942, and dearest mother of Richard. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium, Bouncers Lane, off Priors Road, Prestbury, Cheltenham on Thursday, 1st August 1996 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only and donations to Stowe School Memorial Fund. Inquiries to Norman, Trotman & Hughes at Northleach, tel. 01451 860288.

DEATHS

PHILLIPS - William Howard at his home in Meadle on July 24th 1996 aged 85 years. Funeral Service 2.15pm Wednesday July 31st at St Dunstan's Parish Church, Monks Risborough, followed by cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to University College London c/o Surman & Horwood Funeral Service, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP27 0AE.

RUTHERFORD - Robert Mark, formerly partner in Thring, Sheldon and Rutherford, Solicitors. Died 24th July. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday 2nd August at 11 am. Family flowers only.

WHITWORTH - Robin Aymer, beloved husband of Cecily and father of Anna, peacefully on 27th July. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Saturday, 3rd August at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only; donations if desired to John Radcliffe Hospital, Ward 6E Welfare Fund, Oxford OX3 9DU. A Memorial Service will be held on 28th September at New College Chapel.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL FRANCIS PIGGOTT

Major-General Francis Piggott, CB, CBE, DSO, Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) at SHAPE, 1961-64, died on July 21 aged 85. He was born on October 11, 1910.

FRANCIS PIGGOTT had a highly unusual Army career, which stemmed from three generations of a family connection with Japan, both at government level and with the Japanese Army. As such, when the Second World War eventually widened to involve conflict with Japan, his experience and profound knowledge of the qualities of the Japanese were of immense value to those in charge of the war in the Far East. He took part in a number of operations of different kinds in the Burma theatre from 1941 onwards — intelligence, Chindit and "regular" — finally returning to Tokyo, where he had been born, with the victorious Allies in 1945.

His grandfather, Sir Francis Piggott, was Legal Adviser to the Japanese Government during the latter half of the 19th century. His father, Major-General F. S. G. Piggott, — a Royal Engineer — was first attached as a young officer to the Japanese Army when Japan was emerging as a modern military power after her victories over the Russians at Port Arthur, Mukden and Tshushima in 1904-5. Subsequently he had two tours as military attaché in Tokyo, first, as a colonel in 1932, and then as a major-general in 1936.

Francis James Claude Piggott was born in Tokyo during his father's first attachment to the Japanese Army, and in 1912 was brought home to England at the age of two on the Trans-Siberian Railway, starting off at Pusan in southern Korea. Educated at Cheltenham College and at Sandhurst, where he won a prize cadetship passing out fifth of his intake, he was commissioned into the Queen's Royal Regiment in 1931.

Much to his father's delight, he was soon offered and accepted a three-year language attachment to the Japanese Army. Although the Anglo-Japanese Naval Treaty had not been renewed due to American pressure, and there was international condemnation of Japanese military action in China in the 1930s, British Army officers were still welcomed for attachment to Japanese units.

After a preliminary nine months' course at the School of Oriental Languages in London, Piggott set himself up in 1935 in a small house in Tokyo with two language teachers, two servants and some second-hand furniture. While he was learning Japanese, he witnessed the "2-22 incident" in 1936 when some young firebrands of the Tokyo garrison mutinied, demanding orders direct from the Emperor and not from politicians.

Being a small dynamic man with red hair and a generous outgoing personality, he formed a circle of friends which widened steadily to include Yoshitome Tokugawa and his wife Masako, who were related to the last Shogun of Japan. Masako's sister married Prince Chichibu, the Emperor's eldest brother. Francis Piggott's friendship with Princess Chichibu was to survive and come full circle when he returned to Tokyo in very different circumstances after the war with the triumphant General Douglas MacArthur.

When he was fluent enough in Japanese, he was attached to the élite 2nd Regiment of the Imperial Footguards. Accompanying them on manoeuvres as *persona grata*, he gained a unique insight into the Japanese military machine, which enabled him to report usefully to the War Office. Unfortunately, his activities were cut short by an infection, which cost him the sight of his left eye, and resulted in him being invalided home in 1937.

Determined not to let this disaster affect his military career, although it put an end to his usefulness as a cricketer, he rejoined the Queen's Royal Regiment, becoming the Adjutant of its depot. He went to France in 1940 as Adjutant of one of its TA battalions, and escaped via Cherbourg after the Dunkirk disaster, having been mentioned in dispatches. He was then sent back eastwards with a Military Commission to New Zealand.

As soon as Japan entered the war at the end of 1941, his Japanese experience came back into play, although both he and his father, who had naturally come to have a deep understanding of a country in which they had spent so many years, were distraught by the turn of events.

He was posted to Burma to face his former friends at GSO2 (Intelligence) to Orde Wingate. He took part in the first of Wingate's two deep penetration operations in February 1943, but fell out with him before the second operation, and so was not with him at the time of his fatal air crash in March 1944.

After leaving Wingate, he was sent as second-in-command and subsequently commanded 9th York and Lancasters in 25th Indian Division on the Arakan coast. As such he took part in General Christison's island-hopping advance down to Akyab in December 1944. He was awarded his DSO for his part in these successful operations. He gained a reputation as a hard man, who demanded the highest standards, and yet was warm-hearted with it.

With the Japanese surrender in the wake of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he returned to Tokyo with the Commonwealth Occupation Force, and was directed by Douglas MacArthur to help with the rehabilitation of the Imperial family. He renewed his friendship with the Tokugawas and Princess Chichibu.

Attendance at the Joint Services Staff College in 1947 relaunched his military career on more orthodox lines. He became GSO1 (Intelligence) to General Erskine, Commander of British Troops Egypt, in the Suez Canal Zone during the disturbances caused by King Farouk's abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. He was promoted brevet lieutenant-colonel and appointed OBE in 1951 for his services in the Canal Zone.

In 1952 he was given command of 1st Queen's at Iserlohn, Germany, and took them to Malaya where he fought the communist terrorist gangs in the jungle for two years. At the end of his command, he was promoted full colonel in the Military Intelligence Directorate of the War Office, and in 1956 was appointed to command 161st Infantry Brigade TA at Colchester. Two years later he became Deputy Director of Military Intelligence in the War Office, and was advanced to CBE at the end of his tenure.

He reached the zenith of his career in Military Intelligence in 1961, when he was promoted major-general and became Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) to General Laurie Norstadt, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

He retired in 1964, and was rewarded with his appointment as CB and the colonelcy of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. After the regimental amalgamations, he became Deputy Colonel (Surrey) of the Queen's Regiment, 1967-69.

As a retired officer, he was re-employed for ten years in the Ministry of Defence security vetting organisation.

He married Muriel Joan Cottam from Rotherham, Yorkshire, in 1940. They had a son and daughter. His family survive him.

THE RIGHT REV GEORGE SESSFORD

The Right Rev George Sessford, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, 1970-93, died from cancer on July 21 aged 67. He was born on November 7, 1928.

GEORGE SESSFORD was only 42 when he was elected Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness in 1970. He was to devote his next 23 years — the whole of the rest of his active ministry — to this northern diocese of the Scottish Episcopal Church. A conservative traditionalist by nature and instinct, he led the resistance to changes in the Canon Law affecting such matters as divorce and remarriage, abortion and the acceptance of women as priests. So strong was his conviction that his Church had taken a wrong, modernist turning — especially on this last question — that not only did it hasten his resignation but also saw to it that in retirement he accepted the position of being patron to a small Scottish Episcopalian group known as the Affirming Apostolic Order.

His own start in life had been a good deal more prosaic. He was born and brought up in Liverpool, where he went to school. After National Service in the Army he got the chance of going to St Andrews University. (It was here, as a Sassenach, that his love of Scotland originated — and also that his allegiance to Anglo-Catholicism developed under the influence of the local rector and university chaplain, Canon Alex MacDonald.) He graduated from St Andrews in 1951, going on to Lincoln Theological College, where he trained for the ministry, being ordained deacon in 1953 and priest in 1954.

His first curacy, under its formidable Provost Frank Laming, was at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, which from 1955 he combined with being chaplain to the Anglican students at Glasgow University. In 1958 he was appointed to the tough charge of the overspill Cumbernauld New Town, then just developing a few miles northeast of Glasgow. Securing a site for and building the church of the Holy Name, he spent eight vigorous years there — extending his parochial responsibilities by lecturing in religious education at Jordanhill Training College — before moving to the more placid, ordered parish of Forres in Grampian. It was from here that he was elected Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness just four years later.

The 23 years he devoted to that vast, scattered Scottish diocese are probably best remembered more for what he gave and did than for the particular ecclesiastical stances he adopted. From an earlier love of the West Coast of Scotland, and many happy holidays spent at Tayrallich on Loch Sween, Sessford knew that many people quietly toured the lochs and glens in the summer but often found themselves temporarily churchless. He, therefore, resolved to build up a system of summer chaplaincies so that this need could be met.

Likewise, he tried to strengthen the Church's presence in those areas where fabrication yards for the oil klondyke were being established. He also contrived to gather around him talented and independent-minded clergy who, although not always agreeing with his increasingly reactionary views, appreciated the sincerity of his beliefs and his motives. By one of those strange ironies in life, the man who had first taken him in hand as a young curate, Frank Laming, had himself earlier come north from Glasgow and was, throughout the earlier years of Sessford's episcopate, Provost of St Andrew's Cathedral in Inverness. But, as forthright, strong-minded men too seldom manage to do, they accepted the reversal of their roles and worked together fruitfully.

In 1985 George Sessford lost his wife Nora who had battled for many years against crippling rheumatism. Two years later he married Joan Black, the widow of another clergyman, with whom he retired to Wester Ross just three years ago. She survives him, together with the three daughters of his first marriage.

CHRIS KOMAR

Chris Komar, American dancer and director, died on July 17 in Manhattan of Aids aged 48. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 30, 1947.

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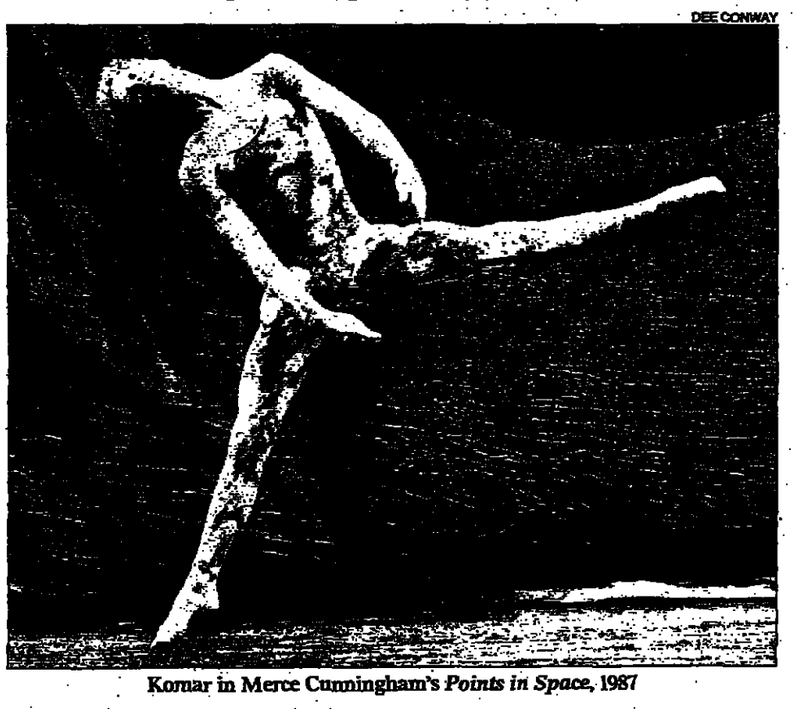

Komar in Merce Cunningham's *Points in Space*, 1987

OVER the last quarter of a century the Merce Cunningham Dance Company has enjoyed an almost unrivalled international fame, and during that time Chris Komar was one of its most valuable members. Starting as a dancer of outstanding quality, he came to be Cunningham's right hand man, first as rehearsal director and eventually as assistant artistic director.

Komar had first become interested in dancing through rock 'n' roll (he used to dance with one of his sisters), and he took his bachelor's degree in dance at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His first job after graduating was as a teacher in the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and there he became a founder member of the Milwaukee Ballet.

But he had been profoundly affected during his student days by seeing Merce Cunningham dance *Second Hand*, and his overwhelming admiration for this choreography led him in 1970 to leave his native state for New York to study at the Cunningham school. The next year, aged 23, he joined Cunningham's company and had worked there ever since, devoting himself to the performance, understanding, preservation and propagation of his master's art.

Before long, Komar was attracting attention in one Cunningham work after another. Altogether during his career he took part in more than 45 creations. Fair-haired, with a slight but strong and supple physique, he had as a performer a natural elegance and a certain sharpness of movement that showed the choreography with notable clarity. Cunningham's ballets in his later period have offered few opportunities for individual characterisation, being more concerned with patterns in space and time, but Komar's aptitude to the Cunningham style and his extremely thoughtful approach to his work usually made him a focus of attention in any ensemble.

Frequent tours all over the world made Komar's dancing as well known in, say, Paris or London as it was in New York, and he was also seen often on television, prominently featured for instance in Cunningham's *Points In Space* which was made for BBC Television. Perhaps Komar's dancing was most memorable, however, in *Events* which Cunningham frequently presented. Each was a unique collage of extracts from the Cunningham repertoire, performed to provide a continuous experience of highly varied dancing over the course of an evening. In these productions Komar's flair, authority and growing experience were shown to ideal advantage.

At an early age Komar also revealed skill at teaching others, and he had not been more than a year or two in the company before he was teaching at the school. Cunningham began using Komar as an assistant in the studio, and in the repertory workshops which the choreographer conducted. Komar was put in charge of the Repertory Understudy Group which tried out potential new recruits and also prepared revivals of Cunningham's older works such as *Septet*, *Summerspace* and *Rune*.

He was appointed rehearsal director of the Cunningham company and in that capacity took charge of preparing works not only within the company but as Cunningham's envoy when, as increasingly happened, other companies asked to be allowed to mount pieces from the extensive Cunningham repertoire. The Rambert Dance Company in Britain, besides the Paris Opera Ballet and Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oaks Project, were among those who benefited from this.

Komar gave up dancing in 1993, and lately his activities were interrupted by his illness, but in spite of this he continued working until recently. He had been preparing a book to record Cunningham's combinations of steps in teaching. In 1991 he was honoured by his profession with a Bessie Award.

He is survived by his partner Art Becofsky.

JOHN RYMER

John Rymer, farmer and businessman, died from cancer on July 17 aged 64. He was born on February 22, 1932.

THE product of a well-known family from the city of York, John Rymer was the founder and chairman of the JSR Farming Group and, over a period of 40 years, the architect of its growth from modest beginnings into the largest family-owned farming business in England. Always sensitive to commercial trends, he was extremely quick to seize new opportunities, ideas and techniques. He represented a rare breed of agriculturalist in that he applied academic criteria and principles to ordinary farming practices.

John Sykes Rymer was educated at St Olave's Preparatory School and Gresham's School, Holt. After doing his National Service in Egypt, he read agriculture at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. It was at Cambridge that he met the well-known Holderness farmer Tommy Harrison, for whom he subsequently worked and from whom, in his own words, he "learnt a very great deal about a great many things besides the business of farming".

He had by then decided against a career in the family engineering business of Bootham Engineers in York, although he was for many years its non-executive chairman until it became part of Dowding and Mills in 1986. He was also a founder of Fishers Seeds and remained non-executive chairman of Fisher Agricultural Holdings until 18 months after it became part of Associated British Foods in 1988.

But it was to agriculture that he applied his very considerable energy and intellect. Always interested in improving the stock, he was led, so far as pig breeding was concerned, to a recognition of the benefit of high health in pigs in order to make for more accurate and faster genetic selection.

The wholly owned subsidiary, JSR Healthbred, developed to become one of the most successful pig breeding companies in the world, with an export business extending to 28 countries. The company was awarded the Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1991.

In cattle breeding he applied the same techniques as in pig breeding in order to improve the Charollais breed. He was a founder of the GLB Charollais Improvement Group which today produces the top bulls in the country.

Rymer was a regional panel chairman for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in the North East and a member of the Government's Agricultural Priorities Board, advising on research priorities. He was a former president of the National Breeders Association and former chairman of the Agricultural Training Board in Lincolnshire and Humberside.

Success with conservation was recognised by the JSR Givendale Farm being awarded the National Silver Lapwing Award in 1995.

He ran a small shoot which he shared generously with those who were fortunate enough to be counted among his friends. He was not an enthusiastic shot but enjoyed the atmosphere of the day and being able to work his two black labradors, noted for being as strong-minded as their master.

Despite a long family tradition of public service, he did not consider himself naturally equipped for this sort of work, and always claimed that his hardest assignment ever was being chairman of the Driffield Conservative Association.

However, he did take great pride in serving as Governor of the Merchant Adventurers of the City of York in 1983, a post that his father and many other of his forebears had held before him.

His first marriage was dissolved in 1983 after 26 years and he married for the second time in 1985. He is survived both by his first wife Margaret and by his second wife Carol, together with a son and four daughters of his first marriage and a stepson and stepdaughter from his second.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev James Langstaff, Vicar, St Matthew, Nechells and Dean of City Deanery: to be *also* Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Birmingham).

The Rev Lindsey Pearson, Curate, Moor Allerton and Chaplain of St Gemma's Hospice: to be Vicar, Seacroft Team Ministry, in charge of The Ascension (Ripon):

The Rev John Priestley, Vicar, Christ Church, Colne: to be also Director of Post Ordination Training (Blackburn).

The Rev David Scott, Team Vicar, St Mark, Cheltenham (Gloucester): to be Rector, St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe (Rochester).

The Rev Alan Shaw, Curate, Stanningley, St Thomas, in charge of Swinnow: to be Vicar, Seacroft Team Ministry, in charge of St Lukes (Ripon).

The Rev Ian Tatturn, Assistant Curate, Bushey: to be Priest-in-charge, Pirton (St Albans).

The Rev Carl Turner, Priest-in-charge, Plaistow; Priest-in-charge, Canning Town St Matthias and Canning Town, St Cedd: to be Team Rector, Parish of the Divine Compassion, Plaistow and North Canning Town (Chelmsford).

The Rev Peter Walsh, Vicar, St Stephen on the Cliffs, Blackpool: to be also Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Blackburn).

The Rev Nicholas Wheeler, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Edmonton: to be Priest-in-charge, Old St Pancras; St Mary, Somers Town; St Paul, Camden Square; and St Michael, Camden Town, and Assistant Director of Post Ordination Training, Edmonton Area (London).

The Rev Alan Watson: to be Priest-in-charge, St. Edwin's, Dunscroft (Sheffield).

The Rev Stephen Wilson, Curate, Marple, to be Priest-in-Charge, Moulton and part-time Chaplain to Leighton Hospital (Chester).

The Rev Eric Woods, Vicar, Sherborne w Castleton and Lillington, to be also Rural Dean of Sherborne (Salisbury).

The Rev Geoffrey Woods, permission to officiate, diocese Bristol, to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Colerne w North Wraxall, same diocese.

The Rev Lewis Atkinson, Vicar, Oughtibridge: to be *also* Rural Dean of Tankersley (Sheffield).

The Rev David Bartlett, Team Vicar, Eston w Normanby Team Ministry (York): to be Associate Priest, Worksop St John w special responsibility for Christchurch Centre (Southwell).

The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Priest-in-charge, Hendon: to be Rector, Hendon (Durham), suspension of presentation having been lifted.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Philip Atack, Vicar, All Saints, Appleby Bridge (Blackburn): resigned June 9.

The Rev Christopher Mitchell, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Brookfield (London): to resign August 31.

The Rev Bob Spratt, Chaplain to HM Prison, Preston (Blackburn): retired June 5.

Canon Michael Wolfe, Canon Residentiary of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool): to retire October 31.

The Rev Frank Bovill, Vicar, Scotby and Priest-in-charge, Cotehill w Cumwhinton (Carlisle): to retire in September.

The Rev Geoffrey Davies, Vicar, Lymm and Rural Dean of Great Budworth (Chester): to retire October 6.

The Rev William Faull, Vicar, Ashton Hayes (Chester): to retire September 14.

Canon Graham Fuller, Rector, Eversley (Winchester): to retire October 31.

The Rev Trevor Hodder, Vicar, Colchester, St Anne (Chelmsford): retired June 30.

Canon Roy Lawrence, Vicar, Prenton (Chester): to retire December 10.

The Rev Trevor Lyrin, Assistant Curate, St Dunstan, Cheam (Southwark): to resign September 30.

LOYAL ULSTER

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELFAST, JULY 28

Ulster welcomed the King and Queen today when they made their State visit to Northern Ireland with fervent and, in the streets of Belfast, almost strident enthusiasm. There would have been great crowds in any weather to acclaim their Majesties, but blue skies and the soft sunshine of an Irish summer morning brought a multitude of people to the royal route from the six counties of the Imperial Province. There were visitors, too, from the Irish Free State, and these would have been more numerous but for petulant and irresponsible actions on the border near Dundalk, which had the effect of delaying train services.

The people of Ulster had full opportunity to give voice to their loyalty to the Throne. When King George V came to Belfast in 1921 to open the first Northern Ireland Parliament he could be seen only in the centre of the city. Their Majesties today have driven in an open car more than 40 miles, and that meant 40 miles of almost unbroken cheering with every built-up area profusely decorated.

The day's programme fell into two parts, the ceremonial and representative of Ulster's share in the events of the Coronation year, and the other more informal. Escorted by cruisers and destroyers, the royal yacht *Victoria and Albert* came slowly up Belfast Lough this morning in a light haze which promised warmth, and an indication to those on shore that the royal visit had begun came with the firing of a royal salute of 21 guns. The yacht berthed at Thompson Wharf, and their Majesties were greeted by the Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn. The King and Queen then embarked in *HMS Exmouth* and made their formal landing at Donegal Quay.

Before entering the City Hall their Majesties inspected a combined parade of Northern Ireland ex-servicemen and women assembled in the Garden of Remembrance. At the entrance to the grounds they were received by the Lord Mayor, Sir Crawford McCullagh. The chief ceremony in the City Hall was the presentation of addresses of loyalty in the council chamber.

ON THIS DAY

July 29, 1937

The King and Queen were given a warm welcome by the people of Ulster during their state visit but farther south, on the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State, a railway bridge was blown up and mines were laid

CUSTOMS HUTS ON FIRE

Outrages were committed on the border between Northern Ireland the Irish Free State this morning, customs huts being burned and a portion of the GN Railway line blown up.

The blowing up of the railway bridge outside Dundalk was evidently intended to hold up trains bringing visitors to Belfast.

ARRESTS ON MOUNTAIN

A large party of civic guards searched the mountainous area north of Dundalk and found three men encamped on a mountain top. The men were arrested and taken to Dundalk.

An explosion during the day at a bonded warehouse at the corner of Academy Street, Belfast, was caused by explosives. A land mine was discovered beneath the railway at Templepatrick, 15 miles from Belfast.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

TWA bomb 'tore jumbo jet in two'

■ Investigators believe that a bomb in the forward luggage compartment ripped off the cockpit and first class cabin of TWA Flight 800 and that the rest of the jumbo jet flew a further mile and a half before it exploded in a massive fireball.

The theory raises the possibility that passengers strapped into economy class seats on the flight from New York to Paris survived the initial blast and had to endure ten or eleven seconds of terror as the aircraft hurtled towards the ground ..... Pages 1, 4, 5

Shephard backs top universities group

■ Plans to create a "premier league" of British universities which would attract the bulk of state funding for research are being backed by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary ..... Page 1

Boy abducted

A boy aged six was abducted from the street at knifepoint by a couple fleeing police in a high-speed chase across two counties. A taxi driver was stabbed, a policeman's life threatened and a dog knifed to death during a series of attacks ..... Pages 1, 3

Christie protest

Linford Christie insisted that he had got "the perfect start" and should not have been disqualified in his attempt to retain his Olympic 100 metres title ..... Page 1

Church attack

A woman in Wiltshire axed down the door of her village church and severed the bells' ropes, claiming that the sound of the bells had driven her to despair ..... Page 3

Blair crackdown

Tony Blair served notice yesterday that he intended to crack down on party dissidents. But a backbencher attacked his "ruthless" action ..... Page 2

Girl speaks again

A schoolgirl from West Yorkshire with sever epilepsy who has been unable to speak for eight years asked for a cuddle when she uttered her first words after a pioneering operation ..... Page 3

Atlanta troubled

Atlanta fought to regain its composure after the terrorist attack as investigators appeared no closer to making an arrest ..... Page 4

Security inflexible

The Mayor of Atlanta had promised that his city would be the safest place on Earth during the Olympics but the security may have been too bureaucratic to respond effectively ..... Page 5

Skyscraper damages

English Heritage may be sued for millions of pounds if a plan to build the highest skyscraper in Europe on the former site of the Baltic Exchange in the City is approved ..... Page 6

Emissions store

Scientists have found that rocks under the North Sea can act as giant pollution reservoirs, locking away emissions for millions of years ..... Page 8

Clue to epidemic

A unique collection of human brains stored in a hospital vault for more than 70 years could provide a clue to one of the worst global epidemics ..... Page 9

Terrorist killed

The Algerian terrorist leader suspected of masterminding last summer's bombing campaign in France has been killed in an ambush ..... Page 10

Backpacker alert

A day after Ivan Milat was jailed for life for killing seven backpackers, speculation is growing that a second backpacker murderer is at large in Australia ..... Page 11

Power station to be transformed

■ More than 13 years after Battersea power station closed, plans for a £200 million conversion into a leisure centre with a 32-screen cinema have been published. The scheme for the art deco landmark on the south of the Thames and its 31-acre site includes a theatre, a shopping centre, at least ten themed restaurants, and a ride up one of the chimneys ..... Page 6

REUTERS

A rare Chinese pink dolphin surfaces in Hong Kong harbour. The dolphins' survival is threatened by the construction of a new airport and fuel depot. The dolphins already have to contend with a continual stream of high-speed ferries in the busy waters

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National Lottery: A damning Public Accounts Committee report this week will say that Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, should never have accepted free flights from GTech, the American lottery company, two years ago ..... Page 44

Homes sale shortlist: Doubts have been raised over the forthcoming privatisation of the military's married quarters. Four companies are expected to form the short-list of final bidders this week ..... Page 41

Accept Social Chapter: The Institute of Management has drafted a manifesto saying that Britain should abandon its opposition to the EU's Social Chapter and urged the next Government to take a stronger role in Europe ..... Page 44

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Fast track: In a new series, in which *Times* writers revisit top tourist attractions, Benedict Nightingale finds the trains still puffing merrily at Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Starlight Express* ..... Page 16

Stadium sensation: "An utterly triumphant display" is how David Sinclair sums up Bryan Adams's concert at Wembley Stadium on Saturday ..... Page 17

Russian night: At the Proms the great Russian cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich directed a stunning performance of his compatriot Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony ..... Page 16

Me'shell discovered: The name of Me'shell Ndegeocello may not yet roll off every tongue, but this singer is heading for the top ..... Page 17

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An extraordinary girl: It is ten years since Suzy Lamplugh disappeared. For the first time, her father Paul Lamplugh speaks out to Valerie Grove ..... Page 15

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Great Philistines: Israeli archaeologists have cracked the secrets of the lost biblical city of Ekron, 20 miles from Jerusalem ..... Page 14

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Olympic Games: Linford Christie's 100 metres championship career ended on a note of acrimony and arrogance after he was disqualified for two false starts ..... Page 23-30

Cricket: Pakistan declared at 352-5, setting England a target of 408 to win in the first Test. England were 74-1 at the close ..... Page 31

Motor racing: Damon Hill increased his championship lead to 21 points when he won the German Grand Prix after a thrilling battle in Hockenheim ..... Page 34

Golf: Brian Barnes completed a resounding defence of his Senior British Open title, winning with a total of 277, 11 under par ... Page 34

Rugby union: New Zealand produced a tremendous fight-back to beat Australia in Brisbane and win the inaugural tri-nation Southern Hemisphere tournament. Page 37

Rugby league: Leeds eased fears of relegation from the Stones Super League by defeating Paris Saint-Germain 34-12 ..... Page 34

Racing: Pentire, who won the King George VI at Ascot on Saturday, has become the target of Japanese buyers ..... Page 35

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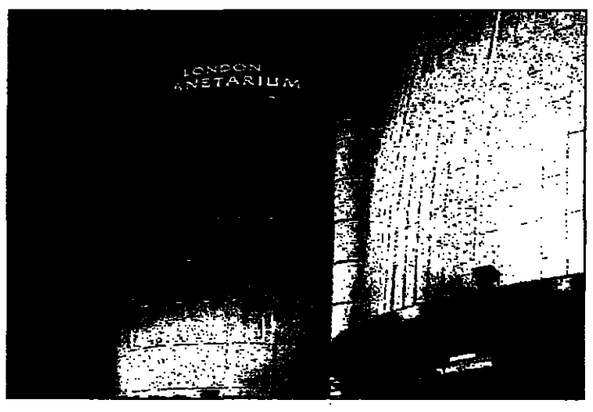
13, 21, 45, 2, 19, 32. Bonus 9.
Four winners share the jackpot of £9.6 million, getting £2,403,240 each. Fifty-nine people win £50,132 each for five balls and the bonus; 1,656 with five numbers win £1,116; 69,564 with four win £58



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Summer snapshots: how the London Planetarium's new show measures up

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Can athletes protect their innovative and creative moves with a patent?

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Why, passengers ask, should they be punished because London Underground and its staff are arguing over what both sides claim is a misunderstanding? ..... Page 19

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Bomb attacks, such as in Atlanta, belong to the bitter tradition of the old continent and not to the new world. The world today has no absolute protection against terrorism .....*Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin*

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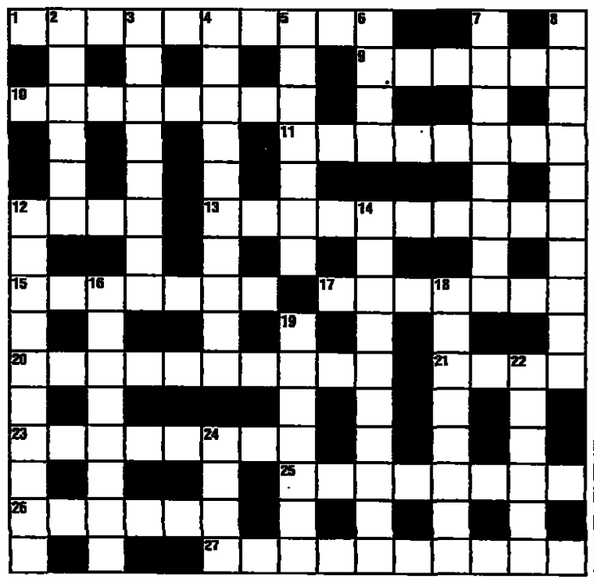

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10 Previous record of a top boxer, say (8).
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4 Old PM – one paid to dismiss a Geordie, say (10).
5 Oppressive emperor in old country (7).
6 The last word in top-class soldiers (4).
7 Rate poet fiddled for work performed on stage (8).
8 Medium covering a Prom broadcast in mundane manner (10).
12 Armed man appears to hang around after bar's held up (10).
14 Peevish type's plot holds up trial (10).
16 Giving away recent purchases (8).
18 Outline for players put in a score as arranged (8).
19 Polish workers possibly become more powerful (7).
22 Tried hard roe initially put in oven (6).
24 Book used for parts of play (4).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,231 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern England mostly cloudy with rain but becoming dry and bright from the west by evening. Most of southern England and Wales will be fairly cloudy with showery bursts of rain. The South East and East Anglia may be dry and bright at first, but showers will arrive by afternoon with some heavy.

Northern Ireland and all but northern Scotland will start cloudy with rain but become drier and brighter. Northern Scotland dry and fine.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** Mostly dry and bright at first. Then cloudier with showers, some heavy. Wind S to SW light to moderate. Max 21C to 23C (70F to 73F).

☐ **Cent S, SW England, Midlands, Ch'l Is, Wales:** Rather cloudy with showery rain, some heavy. Drier and brighter later. Wind S to SW moderate becoming NW light. Max 20C to 22C (68F to 72F).

☐ **E, NW, Cent N, NE England, Borders:** Cloudy through the morning with persistent rain. Drier and brighter later. Wind light and variable becoming light NW. Max 19C to 21C (68F to 70F).

☐ **Lakes, IoM, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Cloudy with rain at first. Becoming drier and brighter. Wind mostly light E to NE, becoming variable later. Max 18C to 20C (64F to 68F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind light and variable. Max 15C to 17C (59F to 63F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain will spreads southeast.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland, northern England, Northern Ireland, Wales, London, low; Midlands, South West, low to moderate; East Anglia, South East, moderate.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.4	-	18	64	b	London	1.4	0.05	23	73	c
Aspatria	2.1	0.01	18	64	r	Lowestoft	2.1	-	19	66	c
Aviemore	7.7	-	20	68	s	Manchester	0.8	0.06	18	64	r
Belfast	X					Margate	5.2		24	75	s
Birmingham	1.7	0.08	18	64	r	Minehead	2.4	0.14	20	68	r
Bognor R	7.7	-	23	73	b	Morecambe	2.6	0.01	19	66	r
Bristol	0.8	0.04	21	70	r	Newcastle	5.2	-	20	68	b
Buxton	3.3	0.03	16	61	c	Newquay	1.5	0.12	20	68	sh
Cardiff	1.8	0.28	19	66	r	Norwich	0.2	0.01	22	72	c
Colwyn Bay	2.5	0.12	19	66	r	Oxford	1.4	0.04	21	70	r
Cromer	1.8	0.01	22	72	c	Penzance	X	0.07	21	70	sh
Dunbar	3.6	-	17	63	b	Poole	4.1	0.01	25	77	b
Eastbourne	7.3	0.01	21	70	s	Prestatyn	X	0.09	21	70	r
Edinburgh	-	-	18	64	b	Ross-o-wye	2.1	0.13	19	66	r
Eskdalemuir	3.1	0.01	19	66	b	Ryde	7.9	-	23	73	b
Falmouth	4.1	0.07	17	63	sh	Salcombe	2.4	0.06	21	70	c
Fishguard	1.0	0.20	18	64	r	Sandown	6.2	0.01	22	72	b
Folkestone	4.2	-	20	68	b	Saunton Snd	5.2	0.09	19	66	du
Glasgow	0.2	0.01	19	66	r	Scarboro'	2.3	-	18	64	b
Guernsey	3.4	0.01	23	73	c	Shanklin	9.0	0.01	X	X	s
Hastings	6.3	0.13	20	68	s	Shrewsbury	1.5	0.05	18	64	r
Hayling I.	5.7	0.16	22	72	b	Skegness	0.8	-	22	72	c
Hunstanton	2.3	-	21	70	c	Southport	3.2	0.07	19	66	sh
Isle of Man	-	0.10	15	59	d	Southsea	6.4	0.01	21	70	s
Jersey	5.8	0.01	23	73	d	Stornoway	-	-	15	59	b
Kinloss	7.7	-	17	63	s	Swanage	4.0	0.01	21	70	d
Leeds	2.2	0.04	20	68	r	Tiree	4.5	-	17	63	b
Lerwick	7.7	0.03	14	57	sh	Torquay	2.6	-	23	73	b
Leuchars	2.5	0.02	23	73	r	Ventnor	4.7	-	20	68	b
Littlehmptn	6.6	-	22	72	s	West-s-mere	2.0	0.23	22	72	r

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f	C'phagn	17	63	f	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Dublin	19	66	c	Malaga	26	79	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Malta	35	95	s
Algiers	X			Faro	29	84	s	Melb'rne	9	48	c
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Florence	24	75	c	Mexico C	20	68	f
Athens	34	93	s	Frankfurt	24	75	s	Miami	32	90	s
B Aires	17	63	f	Funchal	23	73	f	Milan	25	77	f
Bahrain	38	100	s	Geneva	22	72	f	Montreal	23	73	s
Bangkok	29	84	f	Gibraltar	23	73	c	Moscow	23	73	f
Barbados	X			Glasgw	18	64	c	Munich	25	77	f
Barcelona	27	81	s	Helsinki	20	68	s	N Delhi	32	90	f
Beirut	29	84	s	Hong K	30	86	f	N York	26	79	s
Belgrade	31	88	s	Innsbrck	21	70	f	Nairobi	21	70	c
Berlin	21	70	f	Istanbul	29	84	s	Naples	36	97	f
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	34	93	c	Nice	28	82	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	Jo'burg	17	63	f	Oslo	22	72	f
Borde's	25	77	f	Karachi	X			Paris	25	77	s
Brussels	22	72	f	L Angels	23	73	f	Peking	31	88	c
Budapst	26	79	f	L Palmas	25	77	f	Perth	17	63	c
Cairo	35	95	s	Le Tquet	20	68	f	Prague	23	73	f
Cape Tn	12	54	c	Lisbon	31	88	c	Reykjavik	12	54	d
Ch'church	10	50	X	Locarno	23	73	f	Rhodes	29	84	s
Chicago	26	79	s	Luxembg	25	77	f	Rio de J	22	72	s
Cologne	21	70	c	Luxor	41	106	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	32	90	s	Madrid	27	81	s	Rome	30	86	f
S Fr'isco	19	66	s								
S Paulo	20	68	c								
Salzburg	26	79	f								
Santiago	20	68	s								
Seoul	27	81	f								
Sing'por	32	90	f								
St'kholm	21	70	f								
Strasb'rg	22	72	f								
Sydney	14	57	f								
Tangier	29	84	s								
Tel Aviv	32	90	s								
Tenerife	26	79	s								
Tokyo	32	90	s								
Toronto	22	72	s								
Tunis	33	91	s								
Valencia	28	82	s								
Vanc'ver	26	79	s								
Venice	23	73	f								
Vienna	25	77	s								
Warsaw	25	77	f								
Wash'ton	28	82	f								
Wel'ngton	10	50	X								
Zurich	25	77	f								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

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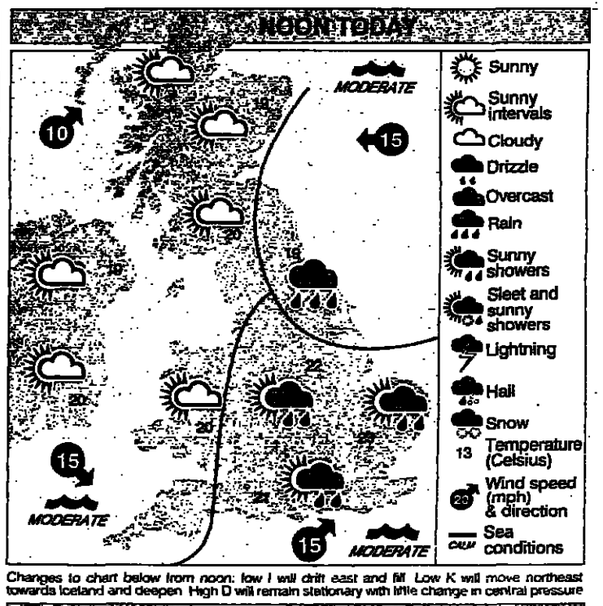

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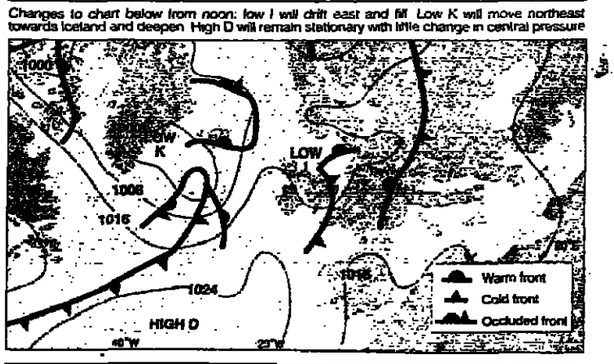

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0.05	6.8	12.30	7.0	Leith	1.01	5.3	1.32	5.5
Aberdeen	-	-	12.19	4.2	Liverpool	9.57	9.1	10.19	9.7
Avonmouth	5.49	12.7	6.18	13.3	Lowestoft	8.04	2.5	8.37	2.4
Belfast	9.51	3.5	10.12	3.6	Margate	10.47	4.6	11.22	4.7
Cardiff	5.47	11.1	6.19	11.6	Milford Haven	4.50	6.6	5.16	6.9
Devonport	4.21	5.1	4.46	5.4	Newquay	3.49	6.5	4.12	6.7
Dover	9.49	6.5	10.13	6.6	Oban	4.37	3.7	5.05	4.0
Dublin (N Wall)	10.23	4.0	10.35	4.2	Penzance	3.14	5.3	3.40	5.6
Falmouth	3.45	4.9	4.11	5.1	Portland	5.25	1.8	5.57	2.1
Greenock	11.10	3.2	11.53	3.4	Portsmouth	10.04	4.6	10.22	4.8
Harwich	10.27	3.9	10.56	4.1	Shoreham	10.03	6.0	10.23	6.2
Holyhead	9.06	5.4	9.26	5.8	Southampton	9.28	4.5	9.51	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	4.50	7.3	5.24	7.3	Swansea	4.50	9.0	5.19	9.5
Ilfracombe	4.34	8.9	5.02	9.4	Tees	2.10	5.2	2.45	5.3
King's Lynn	4.53	6.5	5.17	6.6	Walton-on-Naze	10.24	4.1	10.50	4.1

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp, Poole, Dorset, 25C (77F); lowest day max Lerwick, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall, Cardiff, 0.47in, highest sunshine: Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 9.0hr

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TIMES SPORT

MONDAY JULY 29 1996

Christie mystery comes to false end

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

In the event at which he has achieved so much, Linford Christie's championship career has ended like an unfinished novel. The final chapter was left unwritten when Christie was disqualified for two false starts in the final of the 100 metres at the Olympic Games here on Saturday evening. We shall never know whether he had one last magnificent triumph in him, one last gesture that age, as he likes to say, is nothing but a number.

We suspect not, but when did a good book end with the expected? He probably would not have retained his Olympic title, but now we shall never know. He probably would not have won a medal, but we can never say for certain. The book ended, instead, on a note of acrimony and arrogance. Christie, perhaps forgetting it was not British officials he was dealing with, tried to argue his way back.

He false-started twice and it did not need the official reaction time figures to confirm what was obvious to the naked eye. However, Christie, like an intransigent batsman, refused to walk. He paced up and down, argued, raised his arms in gestures of disbelief and defiance, and kept the seven other finalists waiting to race while consumed by his own self-importance.

Even Mike Marsh, from the United States, normally the most placid and honourable of sprinters, said: "I very rarely think or say that somebody has acted immaturely, but Linford did. He demanded to come back into the race. That defied logic. This is the Olympics." Not, he might have added, a meeting in Britain, where officials melt like butter.

In the KP national championships in Birmingham last year, Christie finished fourth in his heat, failing to qualify for the semi-finals. Yet, even without running the semi-finals, he was admitted to the final. To think he could persuade Olympic officials to break the sport's rules was all the worse for it coming from the Great Britain men's team captain.

Christie is fond of saying that he goes on the B in bang, refusing to accept that, just occasionally, he goes on the F in false. He said once that he "never" false-starts, a comment which may haunt him now. "I think I went with the gun," he said on Saturday. Then his argument degenerated into a denunciation of the rules and American officials.

"Who is to determine how quickly one reacts?" he said. "They make a figure but who is to say?" A reaction time is considered an attempt to anticipate the gun, rather than a reaction to it, if it is under 0.100sec. Christie's reaction time of 0.086 in the final underlined the point that it was not even close.

His condemnation of officials was preposterous. "If it was anywhere else other than the USA, I am sure I would have been in," he said. His inability to take what had happened to him even extended to a stand-up row with Ato Boldon, the Trinidadian. Two fellow athletes had to step in between them.

Cynics suggested that Christie deliberately false-started so that he would not be embarrassed at finishing out of the medals. His semi-final run had not augured well, for he struggled. When, at the world championships in Gothenburg last year, Christie fell to the floor, clutching what he said was an injured hamstring, not everybody believed him, Donovan Bailey included.

However, if Christie did false-start on purpose, it was brilliant judgment of timing on his part. The starter held the competitors so long in the set position that Christie would have needed to leave his blocks earlier to be sure of a flyer. The conclusion must be that a good start was imperative for Christie if he was to stand a chance of a medal and that, even after one false start, it was better to risk another than to play safe and finish near the back of the field. He used to be able to make up for his poor start but this year especially, at the age of 36, when his start has worked it has helped to disguise on the clock his marginally slower speed.

Ironically, the slowest reaction time ended up as part of a world record. Bailey, the world champion, from Canada, had the worst start of anybody, was fourth at 60 metres, but still he came home in 9.84sec, 0.01sec inside Leroy Burrell's two-year-old mark.

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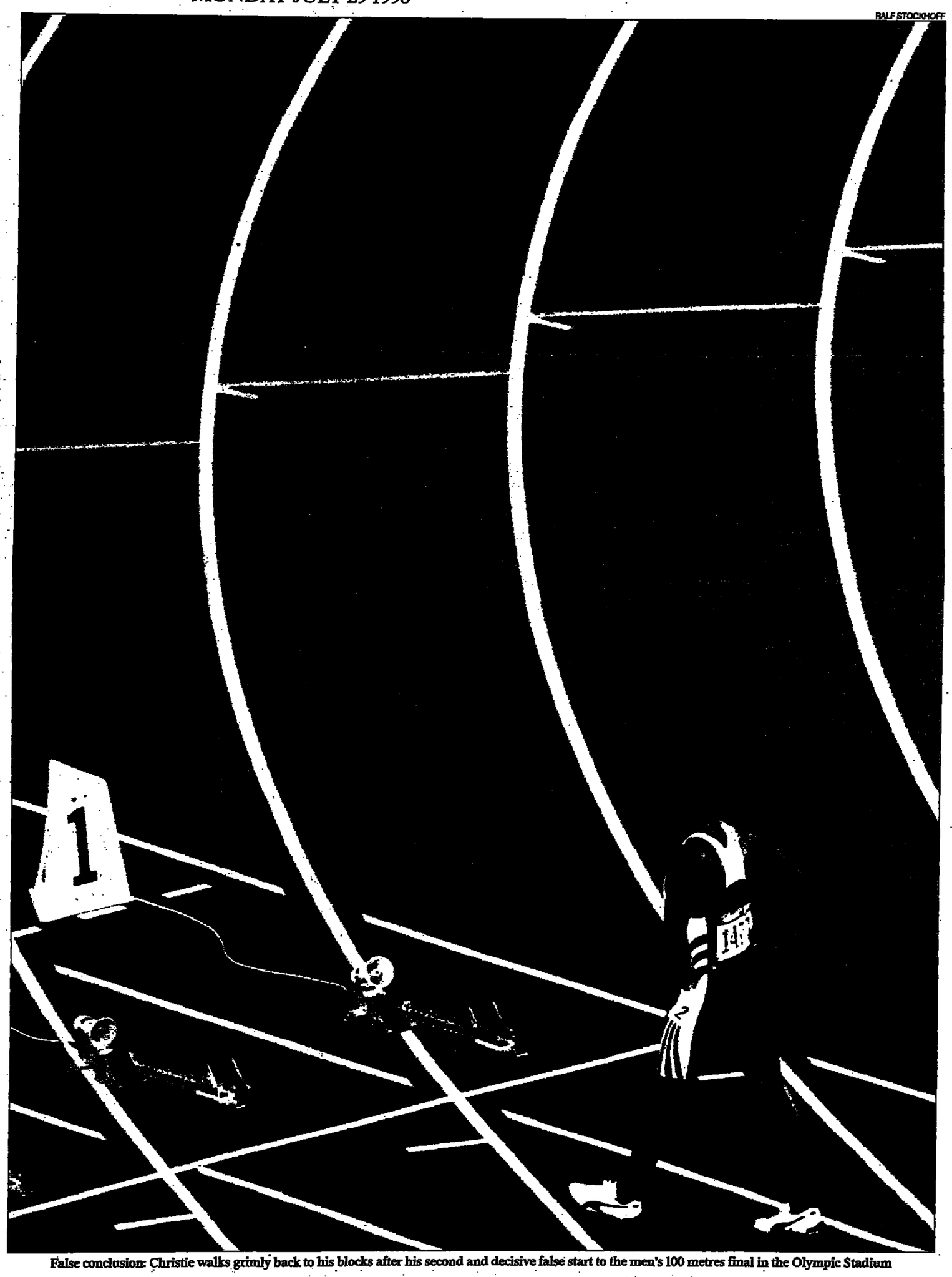

False conclusion: Christie walks grimly back to his blocks after his second and decisive false start to the men's 100 metres final in the Olympic Stadium

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UNITEHALL

Olympic spirit offers triumph over terrorism

David Miller on how life goes on for competitors, organisers and the people of Atlanta in the wake of the Centennial Park bombing

Pretending to be sunbathing on a grass verge beside the Olympic Village, early on the morning of the Palestinian attack on the Israel team at Munich in 1972, I rolled beneath the perimeter fence. So lax was security. The attitude I discovered, among the world's athletes inside, at the time shocked me.

To paraphrase many, the response was uniform. "Don't ask my opinion. I'm in tomorrow's semi-finals." For a second time in a century of Olympic Games, people gathering for fun are threatened with terrorist death. Twenty-four years after Munich, Olympic competitors, mentally and physically isolated within their culture by the necessity of competitive focus, remain unchanged. Sympathy, yes. Concern, little.

We should not complain. We, the public, have demanded of our athletes this exclusive concentration, for we too readily condemn when they fail. We expect them to endure, and survive, their own exposed hardships, loneliness, social and career deprivation, criticism when they lose. We should not be surprised if, with the immaturity of youth, they are immune to the catastrophe of others. For Olympic competitors in Atlanta, as in Munich, yesterday was just another day. Winning or losing.

Jonathan Edwards, a truthful and religious man, a caring family man, well understood the complexity of the moral dilemma when he awoke on Saturday morning, due to compete that evening in the triple jump final as world record-holder. "The bomb affected my state of mind," he said, "but that couldn't have been much worse than it already was." He was riding a bad streak, with all of Great Britain's sporting expectations loaded on his shoulders. When the Games were over, people would remember his failing, if he did, as much as they would remember the bomb.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent felt much the same. They were awake at 5.30, not because of the security crisis but their own gnawing anxieties about their rowing final. They learnt the news when they turned on the television. "We were shocked and dismayed," Pinsent said, "but we knew we had to stay focused, to do what we had come to do." Would we have wished it otherwise?

There is so much violence in the world today that we all become conditioned to its acceptance. An Atlanta resident said yesterday that, though previously he had no intention of attending the Games, now he would go every day just to demonstrate that terrorism was not going to bring his city to a halt.

Random political terrorism is new to the United States, but the people's response is the same as in Belfast, Beirut or Bogota. They are not going to be intimidated. So, while American tourists nervously deserted the world's airways during the Gulf War, the Atlanta folk yesterday still poured into the streets, squeezed into Marta, the metro railway, and formed lines thousands deep to pass through intensified security control at the new Olympic stadium.

This was not, of course, a crime equal to 1972, though that is no consolation to the family of Alice Hawthorne, from Albany, Georgia, the one fatality in Centennial Park. The effect, however, is the same. From President Clinton to Billy Payne, head of the Atlanta Games organisation, to Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the Internaitonal Olympic Committee (IOC), to the ordinary ticket-holder, the message is the same. Life, and the Olympics, go on. I recall the chillingly detached comment in Munich from the Britain team's *chef de mission* in the village. "As far as the British are concerned," he said, "the security here has been very good".

The deceased Willi Daume, a German IOC member who yearned to have organised a Munich festival that would be seen as restoring his country's humanist reputation, created an Olympic park of futurist design to welcome the world, just as Payne has tried to do. Like Payne, his city suffered a humiliation, though there remains time for these centennial Games to be remembered for dignity and athletic celebration.

We become cynical to terrorism, which is part of our strength. If we became frightened, then the terrorists would win. My reaction a few hundred yards away to news of the bomb, when a colleague telephoned me at 2am, was that, at 7am BST, it was out of edition time. I would wait to learn the worst at breakfast time.

In a sensitive column in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Colin Campbell wrote: "It would be a sad illumination if Atlanta's moment in the sun provided an unexpected glimpse of a vulnerable superpower, an empire that sometimes resembles the Third World, a country that in some ways lags behind Europe."

America is going to have to learn the same as the Lebanese, Israelis and Northern Irish, how to live alongside evil. In spite of the misguided, hourly coverage by NBC television, overdramatising the horror, the city of Atlanta was last night calm.

Edwards rewards faithful with spirited response

FROM DAVID MILLER

IN the bible, St Peter refers to life "going through distressing trials". Jonathan Edwards, the triple jump world record holder and a sincerely religious man, read those words on Saturday morning, and they reaffirmed his faith. They were to help him gain what had seemed, for much of this season and particularly during the 24 hours preceding his third jump in the final, highly improbable.

It would, however, have taken a leap approaching last year's revolutionary mark of 18.29 metres for him to have denied Kenny Harrison, an American from Milwaukee, the gold medal. Harrison, against the background of an even more fitness-troubled career, including this year, became Olympic champion with a jump of 18.09m. Another American, Mike Conley, the defending champion, was beaten for the bronze medal by Yoelbi Quesada of Cuba.

As is to be expected, Edwards, who keeps life in perspective, was delighted rather than dismayed with second place, whatever the disappointment among the many who had hoped for, and rather irrationally expected, the ultimate.

"I'm very happy with silver," he said afterwards, smiling as ever. "I had to go through a lot to get here [the medal podium]. It's been tough, and I could have come away with nothing."

Indeed, that outcome had looked likely when Edwards performed poorly in the qualifying round on Friday evening, and then faulted on his first two jumps in the final. Each time, the front of his foot landed fractionally beyond the take-off board.

Moreover, he knew from the outset on Saturday night exactly what he was up against. Harrison, at his first attempt, leapt 17.99m, the second longest jump ever by anyone other than Edwards himself.

Harrison, whose victory closely followed that of his girlfriend, Gail Devers, when she so narrowly retained her 100 metres title under the desperate challenge from the veteran Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, was world champion in Tokyo in 1991. The year after he missed the Barcelona Olympics because of knee and back injuries. In 1994 he recovered to be ranked No 2 in the world, but last year brought him further frustration in the form of leg injuries.

This year, Harrison decided to confine himself primarily to training, and participated in only three competitions. At the US Olympic trials a month ago, he qualified with a single jump of 18.01m. The Olympic event, he predicted, would be something special. And so it proved to be.

For Edwards, however, it came close to being the opposite. In the qualifying round on Friday, the 33-year-old Conley, himself a triple jump phenomenon — Olympic winner in 1992 and world champion in 1993, five times and the only grand prix champion — had said in the friendliest way that he was worried for Edwards.

"I knew Kenny was going to jump a long way," Edwards said, "because he'd looked great in the American trials. I couldn't get my act together, didn't get any rhythm until the fifth round [of the final, another no jump].

"It was only then that I slotted into a rhythm in the run-up. That jump might have been about 18.20, but I was a toenail over the board. I'd thought it would take that distance to win it."

When Harrison recorded that big first jump, he had done a back-flip somersault in elation as he made his way back along the running track. Who can beat that, he was effectively asking? Edwards toiled in vain through the second round, with only Quesada and Conley in range of the leader. Edwards had one attempt remaining if he was to progress to the second phase of three jumps.

As he lined himself up on the runway, arms pumping, having pulled his starting mark back to ensure registering a legal jump, the stadium announcer was proclaiming: "And now, for his third jump, Jonathan Edwards, the only man to have jumped further than Kenny Harrison has tonight."

Edwards never heard this blatant piece of American public relations. His concentration was total. Locked-in. The moment that separated abject failure, possible success.

Away he went, the legs flowing, finding the speed that had lifted him to fame a year ago. The jump was safe, and long: 17.13m. Now he was lying third.

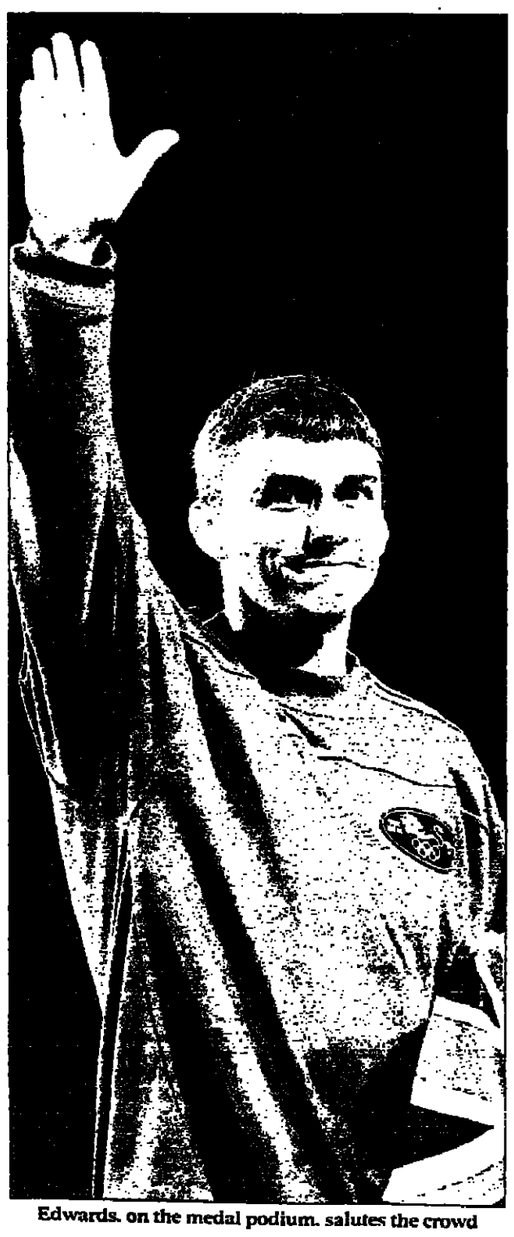
Better was to follow on his fourth attempt. Puffing his cheeks, his lungs filled so he would not need to breathe during the approach, he soared into the air, the "step" section having the familiar stutter as he maintained momentum with the arms, for a landing of 17.88m. Now he was second.

Immediately Harrison responded. His fourth jump was huge. It would require the best from Edwards to beat him now. But Edwards's best was out of reach as he faulted again on his last two attempts.

"I knew on the third attempt I'd better get one in," Edwards said. "My run-up had been poor all season and it was chance that I hit it right, almost, on that fifth run, hit the board like last season, discovered it again. I'm amazed at the outcome considering how I'd been feeling. It may be thought a failure, but I'm chuffed to bits.

"I would look upon it in the light of my faith. The situation threw me towards God, to trust him. It was a situation in which I can't handle myself. I'd read St Peter in the morning. My faith has been proved."

Harrison, rushing off to rejoin Devers, declined to join the interview. I suppose he felt he'd said sufficient in the arena.



Edwards, on the medal podium, salutes the crowd

GARY PRIOR

Lewis gathers her thoughts before winding up an attempt in the shot as her anticipated heptathlon challenge fades in the Olympic stadium

Lewis learns cruel lesson in heat of battle

Andrew Longmore sees a young Briton begin the long haul to the 2000 Games in Sydney

The hand signal was worthy of the more officious members of the Atlanta Police Force. Arms crossed, then swept apart, a gesture which means on the streets "Thou shalt not pass, sir" or, in the midst of an ill-executed Olympic heptathlon, roughly translates to "go away". Either way, Denise Lewis, usually the most bubbly and garrulous of athletes, was not wanting to talk.

Lying eighth after five of the seven events, the Commonwealth champion had succumbed to the other Olympic spirit, the one that reduces potential medal-winners to also-rans. All chance of a medal had vanished. Lewis is young, just 23, and, for a two-day event, experience, pacing yourself, is the key. The heptathlon wanders in and out of other events, providing a backdrop to attention rather than a focus for it. There is a phrase the heptathletes and decathletes use constantly: "Don't carry baggage." It means once one event is over, no matter how well or badly you have done, forget it. The next is the most important — but the next could be an hour or half-a-day away.

For Lewis, yesterday afternoon was not so much the end of the Atlanta Games as the beginning of the long preparation for Sydney 2000. A poor start in the hurdles, in the worst of Saturday evening's rain, followed by a disappointing high jump had set the tone for the Birmingham woman, whose marked improvement during the spring and summer had prompted twinkling thoughts of Olympic medals. Lewis went into the Games ranked second in the world to the astonishing Syrian athlete, Ghada Shouaa. Gold was out of the question, but silver or bronze?

"The top six was our original aim for Atlanta," Darrell Bunn, Lewis's long-time coach, said, "but when we started preparing for this meeting, we were maybe looking for a bit more. She's ranked second in the world and that starts to create big expectations. Denise is a big-time competitor, but she's found it a big challenge here."

If Lewis was to leap into contention, the long jump was her pivotal event, but two no-jumps and a mere 6.32 metres, well below her best, dropped her from sixth to eighth and sent her dejectedly into the consoling arms of her mother, Joan, in the half-light of a concrete walkway below the stadium. Bunn was there too, trying to find the right words to fill the silence.

"I'm not disappointed for me," he said. "Our aim when I started coaching Denise ten years ago was to create an athlete who can perform at the highest level. I could've cried easily there, but, as a coach, you can't afford to show your emotions. It would be very easy to walk away and say: 'She's blown out.' She has to hold her up for the final two events, go out and compete. It's important for the future."

Lewis's dejection should be shared by the whole of British athletics. There are not so many successors to the Christies, Gunnells and Jacksons that an athlete of Lewis's talent and sparkle should be lost to view. Yet the thought that will lie heavy in the subconscious of both athlete and coach is that the Olympics has not been so much a learning process as a finishing school, an event that has exposed a weakness of the mind. The long wait back in the Olympic village yesterday could have created or crushed the crystal of a champion.

"She is the type of athlete who thrives on camaraderie of events," Bunn said. "She wants people to love her, she wants to get on with everyone — but the Olympics isn't like that. Everyone isn't friendly and I think she's found that hard to handle."

The heptathlon, though, could confirm the growing influence of the Middle East in women's athletics. Gold by Ghada Shouaa to add to her world title won in Sweden last summer would be the first ever for a Syrian track athlete. After five events, Shouaa, who is a Christian in a predominantly Muslim country, was trailing Natasha Sazanovich, of Bulgaria by four points, but, with the javelin and the 800 metres to come, the odds were soundly in her favour. Lewis had to gather her thoughts, forget the baggage and think of Sydney.

FORM GUIDE TO TODAY'S EVENTS

MEN

800 metres

RECORDS: World: 1min 41.73sec (S Coe, GB) 1981 **European:** 1:41.73 (Coe) **British:** 1:41.73 (Coe). **Olympic:** 1:43.00 (J Cruz, Br) 1984.

1996 BEST: 1:42.95 V Rodal (Nor) 1:43.47 H Sepeng (SA); 1:43.76 B Lahlou (Mor) 1:43.80 P Kibiok (Ken); 1:43.90 E Tuputic (Lat); 1:43.93 J Gray (US), 1:43.93 D Kptoo (Ken). 1:43.95 G d'Urso (It); 1:44.09 A Hatungimana (Bur); 1:44.10 F Onyancha (Ken) **British:** 1:45.69 C Winrow, 1:45.73 C Robb; 1:45.81 D Strang

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold, A Tysoe (1900) A Hill (1920), D Lowe (1924, 1928), T Hampson (1932), S Ovett (1980)

1,500 metres

RECORDS: World: 3min 27.37sec (N Morceli Alg) 1995 **European:** 3:29.67 (S Cram GB) 1985 **British:** 3:29.67 (Cram) 1985 **Olympic:** 3:32.53 (S Coe GB) 1984

1996 BEST: 3:29.50 Morceli 3:29.59 H el Guerrouj (Mor) 3:30.09 V Nyongabo (Bur) 3:31.87 S Kipkorir (Ken), 3:32.00 L Rotich (Ken), 3:32.87 F Cacho (Sp), 3:33.05 M Koers (Holl) 3:33.46 W Tanui (Ken), 3:33.78 N Bahar (Mor); 3:34.08 D Mascoura (Mor) **British:** 3:34.47 A Whiteman, 3:34.82 J Mayock; 3:37.90 K McKay

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: C Bennett (1900), A Jackson (1912), A Hill (1920) Coe (1980, 1984)

10,000 metres

RECORDS: World: 26min 43.53sec (H Gebrselassie, Eth) 1995 **European:** 27:13.81 (F Mamede, Por) 1984 **British:** 27:23.06 (E Martin) 1983 **Olympic:** 27:21.46 (B Boutayeb Mor) 1988

1996 BEST: 27:40.89 L Zerguat (Mor), 27:42.17 R Johnston (NZ) 27:42.57 A Behar (Fr) 27:43.10 S Creighton (Aus), 27:43.69 M Escalera (Fr) 27:43.89 S Holt (SA) 27:43.98 S Baldini (It), 27:43.99 A Assefa (Eth) 27:45.47 M Nemuliuwa (Rwanda), 27:49.10 A Gomez (Sp) **British:** 28:21.40 J Brown, 28:28.31 P Evans

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver: M McLeod (1984)

3,000 metres steeplechase

RECORDS: World: 7min 59.18sec (M Kiptanui, Ken) 1995 **European:** 8:07.92 (J Mahmoud, Fr) 1984 **British:** 8:07.96 (M Rowland) 1988 **Olympic:** 8:05.51 (J Kariuki, Ken) 1988

1996 BEST: 8:08.21 J Keter (Ken); 8:11.76 A Lambruschini (It); 8:14.23 M Birir (Ken), 8:14.30 K Kiptanui, 8:15.77 A Sahoro (Mor); 8:17.04 H Boudaouicha (Mor) 8:18.49 B Boulami (Mor), 8:18.80 M Croghan (US); 8:19.26 R Gary (US); 8:20.73 M Davis (US) **British:** 8:28.93 K Cullen, 8:29.19 J Chaston; 8:36.71 S Duval

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: J Rimmer (1900), A Russell (1908), P Hodge (1920), C Bracher (1956)

110 metres hurdles

RECORDS: World: 12.91sec (C Jackson, GB) 1993 **European:** 12.91 (Jackson). **British:** 12.91 (Jackson) **Olympic:** 12.98 (R Kingdom, US) 1988

1996 BEST: 12.92 A Johnson (US), 13.05 M Croer (US); 13.11 F Schwarthoff (Ger); 13.13 Jackson; 13.21 E Swift (US), 13.24 A Jarrett (GB) 13.33 I Kovac (Slovakia); 13.35 K VanderKuyp (Aus), 13.38 M McKoy (Austria), 13.38 Y Pechonkin (Russ); 13.38 E Vallo (Cuba) **Other British:** 13.64 A Tulloch

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Silver: G Goulding (1896), A Healey (1906), D Finlay (1936), Jackson (1988)

400 metres hurdles

RECORDS: World: 46.78sec (K Young, US) 1992 **European:** 47.37 (S Diagana, Fr) 1995 **British:** 47.82 (K Akabusi) 1992 **Olympic:** 46.78 (Young)

1996 BEST: 47.70 D Adkins (US), 47.85 S Mazzeo (Zam); 47.98 B Bronson (US), 48.32 C Davis (US). 48.33 F Mori (It) 48.56 K Yamazaki (Japan); 48.60 E de Araujo (Br), 48.63 S Nylander (Swe), 48.63 D Kovacs (Hun); 48.76 L Harbort (SA). **British:** 49.16 J Ridgeon, 49.79 P Crampton; 50.18 G Jennings.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: Lord Burghley (1928), D Hemery (1968).

Long jump

RECORDS: World: 8.95m (M Powell, US) 1991 **European:** 8.86m (R Emmyan, USSR) 1987 **British:** 8.23m (L Davies) 1988. **Olympic:** 8.90m (R Beamon, US) 1968

1996 BEST: 8.52 J Beckford (Jam); 8.39 Powell, 8.36 N Ferreira (Br), 8.32 I Pedroso (Cuba); 8.30 A Glowacki (Bolo); 8.30 J Jefferson (Cuba), 8.30 C Lewis (US); 8.30 G Cankar (Slovenia), 8.29 H Gong (China); 8.29 B Tarus (Kenya), 8.29 D de Souza (Br)

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: L Duner (1964)

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RECORDS: World: 74.08m (J Schult, EG) 1986 **European:** 74.08m (Schult) **British:** 64.32m (W Tancredi) 1974 **Olympic:** 68.82m (Schult) 1988

1996 BEST: 71.14 A Washington (US); 69.54 L Riddel (Gor), 67.82 V Alekna (Uth); 67.44 M Mollenbock (Ger); 67.40 N Sweeney (Ire), 66.94 J Schult (Ger); 66.94 V Dubrowchik (Bulo) 66.86 A Seiffr (US); 66.04 V Kapityukh (Bolo), 65.60 V Sidorov (Ukr) **British:** 62.32 G Smith, 62.02 R Weir

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Fourth: M Phillips (1956)

WOMEN

400 metres

RECORDS: World: 47.60sec (M Koch, E Ger) 1985 **European:** 47.60 (Koch). **British:** 49.43 (K Cook) 1984 **Olympic:** 48.65 (O Bryzgina, USSR) 1988

1996 BEST: 49.45 M-J Perec (Fr), 49.59 C Freeman (Aus), 49.60 F Ogunkoya (Nigeria), 49.83 P Davis (Bah), 49.96 J Miles (US); 50.11 J Campbell (Jam) 50.15 M Malone (US), 50.22 G Breuer (Ger); 50.32 R Postochko (Aus); 50.42 A Ourot (Cuba) **British:** 51.74 P Smith; 52.05 D Fraser

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Silver: A Packer (1964), L Board (1968)

800 metres

RECORDS: World: 1min 53.28sec (J Kratochvilova, Cz) 1983 **European:** 1:53.28 (Kratochvilova) **British:** 1:56.21 (K Holmes) 1995 **Olympic:** 1:53.43 (N Olisarenko, USSR) 1980

1996 BEST: 1:57.04 M Rainey (US); 1:57.24 N Dukhnova (Bolo), 1:57.38 A Durrill (Cuba); 1:57.84 K Holmes (GB), 1:57.87 S Medenkova (Russ); 1:58.07 P Dijoo (Fr); 1:58.16 M Mutola (Moz); 1:58.22 J Clark (US); 1:58.36 Y Afanasyeva (Russ) 1:58.54 L Kasabaka (Ger) **Other British:** 1:59.87 D Modahl

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: A Packer (1964).

100 metres hurdles

RECORDS: World: 12.21sec (Y Donkova, Bul) 1988 **European:** 12.21 (Donkova) **British:** 12.82 (S Gunnell) 1988 **Olympic:** 12.38 (Donkova) 1988.

1996 BEST: 12.52 L Engquist (Swe), 12.57 S Dimitrova (Bul), 12.59 N Shokhodanova (Russ); 12.62 G Devers (US); 12.66 N Bedrova (Russ); 12.69 L Talbert (Jam), 12.81 P Girard (Fr) **British:** 13.02 A Thorp, 13.18 J Agyepong

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES (including 80m hurdles): **Silver:** M Gardner (80m, 1948), C Quinton (80m, 1960), S Strong (100m, 1984).

400 metres hurdles

RECORDS: World: 52.61sec (K Batten, US) 1995. **European:** 52.74 (S Gunnell, GB) 1993. **British:** 52.74 (Gunnell) **Olympic:** 53.17 (D Flintoff-King, Aus) 1988

1996 BEST: 53.53 T Buford-Bailey (US) 53.81 Batten; 54.07 S Farmer-Patrick (US) 54.41 D Hommings (Jam); 54.52 H Messner (Ger); 54.66 Gunnell; 54.68 T Tereshchuk (Ukr), 54.78 D A Parris (Jam) 54.85 S Roger (Ger), 54.86 I Tirea (Rom)

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: Gunnell (1992)

Triple jump

RECORDS World: 18.00m (I Kravets, Ukr) 1995 **European:** 18.50m (Kravets) **British:** 14.66m (A Hansen) 1995 **Olympic:** not previously held

1996 BEST: 15.08 I Lasovskaia (Russ), 14.78 E Govorova (Ukr), 14.76 Kravets, 14.64 Hansen, 14.57 S Kasparkova (Cz), 14.56 A Biryukova (Russ), 14.53 I Bazevica (Lat), 14.48 O Vasdeki (Gr), 14.45 Y Stakhova (Bolo), 14.42 Y Alfonso (Cuba). **Other British:** 14.04 M Griffith

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: not previously held

Discus

RECORDS. World. 76.80m (G Reinsch, E Ger) 1988 **European** 76.80m (Reinsch) **British:** 67.48m (M Ritchie) 1981 **Olympic:** 72.30m (M Hellmann, E Ger) 1992

1996 BEST: 68.60 E Zvereva (Belo), 68.34 I Wyludda (Ger) 67.22 N Sadova (Russ), 66.66 F Dietzsch (Ger) 65.78 M Burgmann (Nor) 65.32 O Chernyavskaya (Russ) 65.20 N Grasu (Rom) 64.90 L-M Vizantiadi (Aus), 64.04 B Faumena (NZ), 63.90 D Costian (Aus) **British:** 60.04 J McKernan

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Fifth: M Ritchie (1984)

10km walk

RECORDS: World: 41min 42sec (Y Nikolayeva, Russ) 1996 **European.** 41:04 (Nikolayeva) **British:** 45:42 (L Langford) 1987 **Olympic:** 44:22 (Chen Yuqing, China) 1992

1996 BEST: 41:14 Nikolayeva 41:31 Y Grishina (Russ), 41:47 K Soby (Aus) 41:51 E Gummow (Ger) 42:01 I Stankina (Russ), 42:09 E Perrone (It) 42:16 G Hongmiao (China) **British** 47:19 V Lupton

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: 32nd: B Sanderson (1992)

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OLYMPIC GAMES: TRUE MEANING OF SPORT'S GREATEST GATHERING REAFFIRMED AFTER HORROR OF BOMB ATTACK

Bailey restores acceptable face with party piece

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

MADNESS. Surely, if Donovan Bailey wore his victory face anywhere outside a sports stadium he would be locked up. This was a night of delirium shared by 80,000 people in the Olympic stadium. And the heart of the night, the heart of the athletics competition, the heart of the Games, is the men's 100 metres.

The Fastest Man on Earth! Who will it be? And what the hell does it matter when two people lie dead and 111 injured? It doesn't matter a damn, thank God, that's the point of it, that's the joy of it. It was with the sound of the midnight bang still ringing in my head that I reached the stadium for a night of the nonsense of sport.

There are certain people who get pleasure from bullying waiters: despicably picking on the weak. The Olympic bomb is the same thing, magnified to a devastatingly wicked size. What is weaker than a bunch of jolly people out on the spree? Not soldiers, not armed men, not even security guards. Just kids going to an open-air party.

The Olympic Games is always portrayed as a frightfully serious business. The old bores of sporting politicians go on about the brotherhood of man while the young bores of athletes go on about their hamstrings and their focus.

Ignore the lot of them. The Olympic Games is a party, a great global frivolity. It is a *children's* party: grown-ups from 197 nations have come to Atlanta for 17 days in order to play kids' games and the lucky ones go home with a balloon, or at least a medal. It is 17 days of nonsense in a troubled world, and if you can't find joy and sanity in that, then God help you.

The bomb spoiled the party: pricked the balloon. We are all here pretending that a running race is a matter of life and death: if you get real life and real death mixed up in it all, the joys of this nonsense are lost. But the Games carried on, and rightly. And Saturday night was the night that sport hit back.

It was a night in which sport reached dizzying, almost unprecedented heights of brilliance: and any amount of drama and sub-plot to go with it. The bomb has depressed us all, but it inspired the athletes, lifted them to new planes of excellence.

The women's 100 metres and the triple jump produced their own tales of wonder, but every ace was as always trumped by the quest for the Fastest Man on Earth. This truly is the race of races. It is at the same time the greatest race at the greatest event in sport, and the first sport that every child attempts. Race you to that tree! The 100 metres is the alpha and omega of sport.

> 'The bomb has depressed us all but it inspired the athletes'

I'd like to say that I had the winner all along, but I did not. Blinded as usual by my love of Africa, and a January trip to pursue the wondrous oryx across the deserts of Namibia, my heart was all for the Namibian Frankie Fredericks, who had set the fastest time in the heats the previous day and was consistently the fastest man in the world this year.

If he was to be beaten, it was surely Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, who would do it. He was the fastest man in the semi-finals: the clock never lies, and surely that is how you assess form for a sprint?

The key is here beside me on my desk: in my notebook, written in the seconds after the first semi-final. "Bailey" I wrote, and added "(looking)". In that single bracketed word was concealed the outcome of the race, but I did not have the wit to find it.

For Bailey had done it — "(looking)" — in the second heat as well, finishing his race with a long sideways perusal of Linford Christie. Not eyeballing him, just looking. And then in the semi, he came in a little behind the rocket-propelled Fredericks, with his head turned sideways. Looking.

And then the final. The saddest thing about the business of Christie's disqualification, and his graceless behaviour, was the fact that it puts a knife into the hands of all those he has offended. Believe me, they have been waiting for years for this opportunity. Christie combines arrogance with a neurotic sense of persecution: but that is part of what makes him a sprinter. The all-conquering mien at the blocks: the pell-mell flight from his demons at the gun, that is Christie. But this was, I am afraid, a woeful performance: Christie at his worst.

Enemies will leap upon him with shrill cries of glee, and this time he almost deserves it. But I prefer to remember a night in Barcelona four years ago: his moment of greatness.

Linford was left behind and so, when at last the race began, was Bailey, who got a poor start. I was right! The race was between Fredericks and Boldon, and come on Frankie, come on Africa! But childish pleasures were stilled as Bailey's throttle got stuck open. Almost helplessly, he was carried past the front runners, a runaway truck with a madman's head showing behind the wheel.

It was, simply, magnificent. The Fastest Man in the World. No! The Fastest Man Ever: for the time flashed up and Bailey had the world record — 9.84 seconds. Let joy be unconfined.

All season, Bailey has been a pace behind his rivals, seeming, observers tell me, lumbering and underprepared. And of course he was underprepared: he wasn't preparing for May and June and July. He was preparing for July 27, because nothing else matters.

GARY HERTSHORN

Bailey is exultant after his extraordinary record-breaking performance in the final of the 100 metres

Remember when Fredericks ran so well in early 1996?. Frankly, no. But I remember Bailey. "I ran my own race in every round. I accelerated to 70 metres and then shut off," he said of the heats. And you went for a big time in the final? "Anytime I think about time, I always screw up."

Then he was whisked off to doping control, and we didn't have time to ask him: what means more to you, the world record or the gold medal? We asked that in 1988, and Ben Johnson replied: "The gold medal. It's something they can never take away from you."

Now another Jamaican-born Canada sprinter has won the gold medal in a world record time, and let us hope that he keeps it, for Johnson, if we need reminding, lost his after a positive drugs test.

Please, no positive drugs tests this time, and please, rather more seriously, no more bombs. We are not here to write about serious stuff. We are for the world's quadrennial celebration of human frivolity: and for all that is implied by Bailey and the Mask of Joyful Victory. The world's curses be piled on the heads of those who would spoil the party. Mankind cannot bear very much reality.

National grid is thrown into reverse

MATTHEW BOND ON THE TELEVISION MARATHON

It is the stuff of folklore that half-time in the FA Cup Final produces a massive surge in the demand for electricity as we all toddle off and make a cup of tea. Personally, I have always thought it had more to do with 12 million fridge doors being opened at the same time.

Whatever its cause, the process went into reverse at about 2.15am on Sunday morning. Millions of television sets were turned off (I expect the figures to be two to three times the 1.5 million of us who have been regularly watching the late night live coverage from Atlanta), millions of lights were extinguished and millions of fridge doors stayed shut. The national grid powered down, the nation went to bed. Des Lynam looked like he was about to cry.

What an extraordinary 24 hours. Friday night had seen the highs of Linford Christie and Jonathan Edwards and the lows of Tessa Sanderson bidding an early goodbye to her competition.

Saturday morning dawned, of course, not with reruns of the night's sporting triumphs but with live coverage of the Centennial Park bomb. It exploded some 90 minutes before Steve Rider was due to go on air with *Olympic Breakfast*. Instead he found himself fronting live news coverage from NBC, CNN and from the BBC's news team. He did a first-class job, always remembering that this was not yet the moment for "what this means for sport?".

Once it became clear later that the Games would continue, it was back to business as normal. And what business. The highlight came, of course, at 3.00pm on Saturday afternoon, which saw Gerald Sinstadt and Chris Baillieu at Lake Lanier and me . . . in the Warner Stand at Lord's. On the pitch Saeed Anwar was riding his luck, in the stands my binoculars were trained on a television in one of the nearby boxes. From 75 yards, I thought the NBC picture quality was remarkably good.

I was not alone. As Redgrave and Pinsent crossed the line a huge cheer went up from the Compton stand. Tasting victory vicariously is now becoming something of a habit at Lord's. It was Euro '96 all over again.

But it was only a little later when re-united with my video recorder that I caught up with Dan Topolski discovering the hard way why "how do you feel?" is not really a question to ask a completely exhausted four times Olympic champion. I thought he was lucky to get sworn at only once.

Nine hours or so later the only swearing was off-air in the Eurosport commentary box, as the channel's Paris headquarters went into a commercial break just as Edwards was about to take his second jump. It was a no jump, but Tim Hutchings sounded understandably peeved. "Unfortunately, you missed it here on Eurosport." Beside him Steve Cram, his co-commentator, was already looking forward to the next round: "Send your best wishes across the Atlantic — Jonathan needs a big one." Well, I did my positive thinking ... what were you lot doing?

Back on BBC1 Paul Dickenson was looking after Edwards ("there a little sparkle in his eye . . . it's long . . . oh, red flag again") while one national institution kept an eye on another. "Can Linford Christie, the defending champion, produce something here that will put him on the rostrum again?" asked David Coleman, commentating on his tenth summer Games.

It is too early to pass serious comment on Coleman's fitness behind the microphone and Sunday night was too emotional anyway. First impressions are that the voice of athletics has an increasing tendency to commentate on the race that he would like to happen, rather than the race as it actually is. The nation went to bed with the words "it looked like a good start to me" ringing in its ears.

Gunnell and Jackson lift morale

FROM DAVID POWELL

THE Great Britain athletics team needed a lift yesterday after the disappointments of Linford Christie's disqualification in the 100 metres on Saturday and the failure of Jonathan Edwards to take the triple jump gold medal that had seemed his for the taking. Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, the finest hurdlers the nation has produced, provided it, albeit a mild elevation more than a lift.

Gunnell progressed into the second round of the 400 metres hurdles, finishing second in her heat, and it was an achievement in itself that she was on the track at all. After her ordeal of 1995, when she lost her world title and world record while she watched from the BBC commentary box having lost her battle against injury, she seemed to be on her way.

Then injury struck again. Four weeks ago, in the International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix meeting in Lausanne, she pulled up at the seventh flight, suffering a severe pain in her left foot. She left the stadium fearing that an injury identical to the one which had destroyed her year in 1995, but on the opposite foot, would prevent her from defending her Olympic title.

However, within 24 hours, a doctor at Switzerland's foremost sports science institute reassured her that the injury was less serious than the one which had kept her from hurdling for 20 months. When she visited Dr Roland Biedert in the Swiss mountains at Magglingen, he told her that she had merely inflamed the attachment of the tendon to the bone.

Underlining the importance of making it to Atlanta, Gunnell left the hospital clutching an envelope containing the results of her scan. "I felt my whole life was in this one envelope," she said. "I am so relieved." And still more relieved that, after a week's rest, she was able to get back into training.

It remains highly improbable, however, that Gunnell can make up the ground she has lost on the main contenders to succeed her, Kim Batten, her successor as world record holder, and Tonja Buford-Bailey, who also ran faster than Gunnell's best when finishing second to her fellow American in the world championships in Gothenburg.

She spent the first part of the season trying to race herself back to competitive fitness but was obviously still some way short of the hurdling form she would need to challenge Batten and Buford-Bailey. Her consolation, her signal of hope, was a flat 400 metres last month that was close to her personal best.

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Given the worst of the draw, out in lane eight, yesterday, Gunnell looked smooth until the sixth hurdle when she stuttered dreadfully. However, she recovered her composure and ended up a comfortable qualifier. Buford-Bailey won the heat in 55.23sec, Gunnell following in 55.29sec, giving a little push at the end "just to stretch my legs out". It will take a time nearly three seconds quicker to win in the final on Wednesday. "I felt fine," Gunnell said. "You never know what is happening when you are in lane eight so I was pleased to get round without any problems." More important, she reported no reaction to her injury.

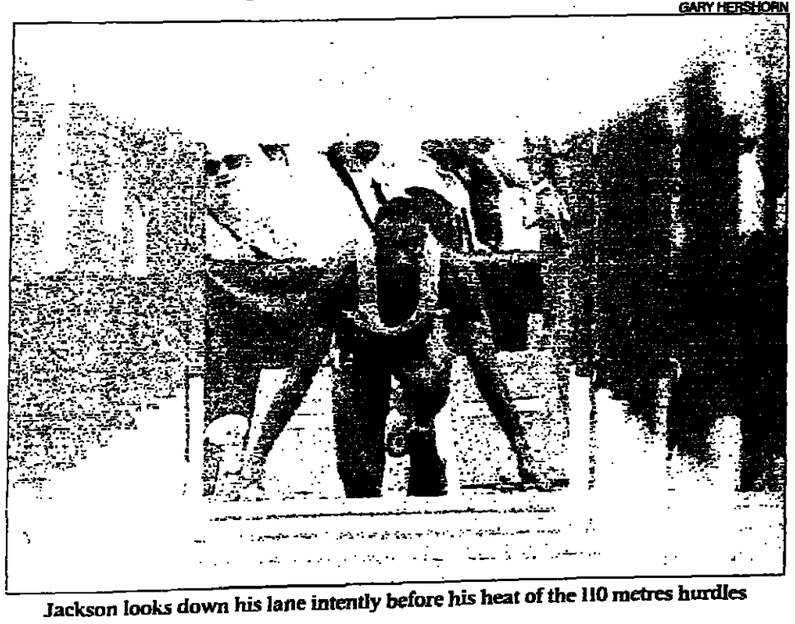
Deon Hemmings, from Jamaica, was the fastest of the qualifers with 54.70sec. Gudrun Arnardottir set an Icelandic national record of 54.88sec to be second fastest of the first round. Batten recorded 54.92sec. Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Gunnell's longstanding adversary, was another who looked relaxed in progressing. The second round is today.

Jackson, the 110 metres hurdles world record holder, has been overshadowed for the past two seasons by Allen Johnson, his successor as world champion. Johnson came within 0.01sec of Jackson's world record of 12.91sec when the United States Olympic trials were held on this track last month.

Johnson had the easiest of qualifications yesterday, winning his heat in 13.66sec. Jackson, whose record of success over the years lacks only an Olympic title, also won his heat, crossing the line in 13.36sec. He was a long way clear of Erik Kaiser, from Germany, second in 13.64sec. Tony Jarrett, runner-up at the last two world championships and a sound medal prospect, was another heat winner, recording 13.47sec.

Fastest of the round was Kyle Vander-Kuyp, from Austria, in 13.32sec. The only other hurdler to run faster than Jackson was Emillio Valle, from Cuba, in 13.35sec. Four years ago, when Jackson finished seventh in the Olympic final, having been favourite, the gold went to his friend and training partner, Mark McKoy. Then McKoy was running for Canada, now he is in Austria colours. He qualified for the second round with 13.70sec.

GARY HERSHORN



Jackson looks down his lane intently before his heat of the 110 metres hurdles

Roba capitalises on her Ethiopian inheritance

FROM DAVID POWELL

MOUNTED on a wall in an Addis Ababa stadium are the five Olympic rings. Inside four of the five rings are pictures of Ethiopia's Olympic athletics champions: Abebe Bikila, Mamo Wolde, Miruts Yifter and Derartu Tulu.

There is, therefore, one ring to fill. Haile Gebresilasie, who is the hottest of favourites for the men's 5,000 and 10,000 metres, seemed the obvious candidate once he had taken one, or both, of those titles here this week.

Yesterday, though, in the women's marathon, Fatuma Roba, who comes from Tulu's home town, provided Ethiopia with an unexpected triumph. She set a personal best time, taking three minutes off her previous quickest, despite the debilitating affects of the humidty in Atlanta, to become the first African woman to win a medal in an Olympic or world championship marathon.

Her victory was not only a triumph for her elegant, effortless running style but also helped the event save some face. While several of the competitors had to be carried off the track at the finish, in various states of distress, Roba was comfortable enough over the second half, which she ran, alone, from the front, to light up a smile each time she saw a supporter waving an Ethiopian flag. Once, in the eighteenth mile, she even gave a royal wave.

As Roba's long stride ate up the road, her head remained perfectly still, reminiscent of Bikila, the Olympic marathon champion in 1960 and 1964. Driving the car he was given for winning his second gold medal, Bikila suffered spinal injuries in a crash, paralysing him from the waist down. He died of a brain haemorrhage in 1973, aged 41. But his story inspired Roba.

"When I was at school I read about him and it was through books about him that I was led to this event," Roba said. Had she done enough, she was asked, to deserve the fifth ring in Addis Ababa?

"It would make me very pleased but it is not me who is deciding," she said, graciously.

Her victory came with almost perfect timing for Amnesty International, which today releases a new report drawing attention to the case of Wolde, the 1968 Olympic marathon champion, who is in prison for his alleged involvement, as a local junior official, in a political killing.

Roba: winning smile

"Amnesty International is concerned that one of Ethiopia's few Olympic gold medal-winners remains in prison, having been detained for the past four years without charge or trial," a press statement issued today said.

In its report, Amnesty International argues that the detention without charge of hundreds of prisoners is unreasonably prolonged. "Now aged 64, Mamo Wolde's health is poor, and has deteriorated during his imprisonment," the report states. When news of Roba's victory eventually reaches Wolde, perhaps his spirits will be revived; if only temporarily.

Aged 23, from Cokeji, Roba was eleventh in her first marathon but had won her last three. However, her best time was only 2hr 29min 05sec. Here, after breaking away in the twelfth mile, on an undulating course, she went through the half marathon in 72min 31sec to finish in 2:26.05. She was exactly two minutes ahead of Valentina Yegorova, the defending champion, from Russia.

Like Yegorova, Yuko Arimori, from Japan, dropped down one place from her 1992 Olympic silver medal, taking third in 2hr 28min 39sec.

Liz McColgan, who had carried the weight of British hopes for a victory, was sixteenth in 2hr 34min 30sec. She had been sick, she said, after being bitten by an insect while on a training run on Friday.

Roba was the third women's athletics gold medal-winner at these Games, following the victories on Saturday of Heli Rantanen, from Finland, in the javelin, and, controversially, Gail Devers, of the United States, in the 100 metres.

In a photo-finish, Devers was awarded the verdict, thus retaining her title, while Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, was once again denied afirst Olympic gold medal.

Aged 36, Ottey is competing in her fifth Olympics. She was able to raise a smile in defeat, though it was clearly arguable, even from the photograph, which of the two had crossed the line first. Both recorded 10.94sec.

The Jamaicans filed a protest on Ottey's behalf but to no avail. "At least I got the silver medal," Ottey said. "It is better than all the bronzes I have been collecting over the years."

It was her first runner-up place after four thirds in Olympic 100, 200 metres and relays finals.

Britain's greatest oarsman bows out after claiming fourth gold medal in grand style at Atlanta

Redgrave stands supreme among the Olympian elite

DAVID MILLER

on an historic sporting feat

It is said that when you win a gold medal in one Olympic Games, you are famous, in two, that you are considered great. In three, that you become history. For Steve Redgrave to do so in four consecutive Games, from 1984 to 1996, is something beyond that.

Jürgen Gröbler, the former East German coach who masterminded Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the stroke of Britain's coxless pair, found the right words when paying simultaneous tribute to these two exceptional oarsmen. "For four years, Pinsent was in charge of Steve Redgrave," he reflected. "He had the responsibility of creating a monument."

We in Britain should celebrate not merely a memorable gold medal, but two men's contribution to the symbolism that Olympic sport holds for ordinary life: an achievement through hard work for no gain other than personal satisfaction.

The way the two of them brought to a climax a goal without parallel in a century of Olympian effort was one of classic, inspiring proportions. From the first heave, their symmetry and power, mental and physical, mercilessly controlled an historic race to give them victory over the sterling challenge from the Australian pair, David Weightman and Rob Scott.

Redgrave thus joins three men with the same honour: Aladar Gerevich, of Hungary, who won seven gold medals, one silver and two bronze in fencing's sabre event, from 1932 to 1960; Paul Elvstrom, of Denmark, a yachting champion in the Finn class, from 1948 to 1960; and Al Oerter, of the United States, the men's discus champion from 1956 to 1968. Oerter met Redgrave yesterday morning to add his congratulations to others pouring in from around the world.

With no disrespect to the other three monumental achievers, Redgrave's is perhaps supreme. The disciplines of Gerevich, Elvstrom and Oerter are primarily technical. So it is in rowing, yet under the added stresses of physical extremes that send the heartbeat racing towards 200 per minute. Here is one of the most violent of muscular sports in which, over six years, Redgrave and Pinsent have become giants on the water.

So unbeatable had they become that they were also the greatest target the sport has seen. "Everyone would love to have knocked them off," said David Schaper, from the New Zealand pair that, for a while, had clung on vainly in their wake. "But everyone failed and that's the mark of their greatness."

Ashore, Redgrave and Pinsent remain modest. There is a teenager's innocence in the way Pinsent describes their partnership and his admiration of the legend who sits behind him shines from his face. Pinsent controlling the throttle, Redgrave holding the steering wheel, calling the tactical shots.

Part of the reason why Pinsent has willingly submitted himself to the thousands of hours of Herculean preparation these past eight years together lies in that admiration. "Sod it, he deserves it," Pinsent said. "We don't do it for the fame, but for the way it makes us feel."

Having had the privilege of covering dozens of famous occasions over many years, this was one of the three happiest moments I have known, together with Stanley Matthews winning the FA Cup, before I became a journalist, and Sebastian Coe winning the 1,500 metres in the Moscow Games in 1980.

It was touching, an hour or so after the race, to observe Redgrave — with his small daughter asleep in his arms as the adult tide of celebration surged around her — wondering about the future: a family man who, for 16 years, has been skiing down Everest, he has suddenly discovered level ground, adrenalin retirement, little money in the bank and an uncertain future.

Pinsent spoke for both of them when he said: "When we crossed the line, it was a mixture of emotion and relief, the sudden feeling of: 'What do I do with my life now?' A gold medal is supposed to be ecstatic, yet we return to the village to do the laundry, write postcards, the usual ordinary things. Your life may never be the same, but the rewards are long-term."

It is a full stop that Redgrave welcomes. "I don't want to go through the hell of the last two weeks again," he admitted, referring to expectation at home, to the fact that, for four years, since the day they won in Barcelona, he and Pinsent had lived with Saturday, July 27 1996 engraved at the front of their minds.

For the first time at the conclusion of an Olympic final, he had slumped on his oar while the younger Pinsent punched the air. Redgrave happy to surrender to fatigue, knowing he need never more endure those hours of intolerable, daily, early-morning preparation. Knowing "it's over, it's over".

The race had been perfection. They made an exceptionally fast start, so fast that Redgrave had to be careful not to allow them to surge even faster, which might have drained their control in the second kilometre. "Steadying the pace when we had a lead so good we couldn't believe it gave us the energy for a finishing burst, had we needed it," Redgrave said. "We knew at 1,000 metres that we'd won. The Aussies knew we'd won."

REBECCA NADEN

Redgrave wears his medal as he waves farewell to the crowd at Lake Lanier

Bronze fails to satisfy Searle

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL

ALTHOUGH many Britons celebrated a bronze medal for the men's coxless four, the personnel involved, Rupert Obholzer, Greg and Jonny Searle and Tim Foster, were deflated with disappointment at being 0.51sec away from the gold. Jonny Searle, winner of a gold medal in Barcelona with his brother, said: "If your approach is gold or nothing, then you have got much further to fall."

Steve Gunn, the coach, said: "Probably their best race but they got beaten. The crew were sixth in a bunched field at 500 metres, fifth at 1,000 metres before they pushed for first place. We popped through but the Australians popped through as well." Foster, the stroke, explained: "It got us back in the race, but it cost us the last 20 strokes." This was when France secured the silver medal on the line by a few centimetres.

Guin Batten, the first Great Britain woman sculler to reach an Olympic final, admitted having been "totally dropped" in the first 500 metres on Saturday. She looked out of contention at this point but moved up in the second half of the race, overtaking Ruth Davidon, of the United States, in the run-in to finish fifth. "I came out with a result. It gives you an incentive to go on." For Batten, still a newcomer to international sculling, it was the highlight of her career to date.

In the B finals yesterday the Britain women's eight lifted their spirits by winning in an Olympic record time and the men's eight raced well to finish second in their equivalent. The men's lightweight four were fourth in a blanket finish but the lightweight double dropped to last after leading at 500 metres.

The lightweight, Peter Haining, finished eleventh among the 21 heavier Olympic scullers, voicing the views of many on the transport from the Olympic Village by saying: "Twenty-seven hours of travelling for 28 minutes' racing tips the scales against you."

Poor start leaves sailing duo seeking consolation

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT
IN SAVANNAH

JOHN MERRICKS and Ian Walker, who came here with Great Britain's best hope for a sailing gold, have their work cut out just to get a medal of any colour after a series of indifferent performances in the 470 class.

The pairing, which has been dominant this year in one of the most competitive Olympic classes, have had difficulty recovering from an uncharacteristically poor start in the first race, when they got caught out on a wind shift on the first beat and were lucky to recover to finish fifteenth.

They have followed that up with two further races where they made the wrong decision on the first beat and found themselves in a lowly position at the first mark, from which they were unable to recover.

In the fourth race, late on Friday, in a dying and fickle sea-breeze, they went right up the beat when it paid to go left and finished in 27th place. Then on Saturday, in race six, they had a good start but made another error that dropped them to eighteenth then clashed with a rival boat and earned a disqualification.

In the second race on Saturday, they looked to have got it just about right and were on their way to a much-needed second place when they were penalised for illegal pumping of their mainsail and took a penalty turn, which dropped them to fourth.

With a disqualification and a 27th to discard, they will still have to count the fifteenth in race one in their final tally. They are seventh overall after six races.

In the Solings, Andy Beadsworth, Adrian Stead and Barry Parkin continue to sail to their true ability with another win in race six and a sixth place in race seven, to be virtually certain of a berth in the match racing knock-out stage.

Meanwhile, Penny Wilson was yesterday sailing her last two races in the women's windsurfing and was lying fourth, just three points away from the bronze positon and eight points from the silver. Lai Shan Lee, of Hong Kong, looks unbeatable for gold.

Gillingham captures bronze after Russian is disqualified

FROM CRAIG LORD

NICK GILLINGHAM, of Great Britain, was ready to celebrate last night after receiving news that he had won the bronze medal in the 200 metres breaststroke. Andrei Korneev, of Russia, finished in third place at the Georgia Tech pool on Thursday, but he was disqualified yesterday after it was announced that he had failed a drugs test after the final.

Korneev, the European champion at 200 metres in Gillingham's absence from Vienna last year, was one of three athletes to test positive for the banned stimulant, bromantan. The others are Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestler, who won the bronze medal in the 48kg class, and Rita Raznaite, a sprint cyclist from Lithuania. Korneev, 21, who finished 1.2sec ahead of Gillingham in 2min 13.17sec — the first time he had beaten the Briton — faces a suspension of up to four years.

Bromantan, a performance-enhancing stimulant, is considered to be a masking agent for other substances and is a new drug. It has not been detected at an Olympic Games before.

Gillingham's bronze medal matches that which he won in Barcelona four years ago and

Gillingham: delighted

adds to the silver medal he won at Seoul in 1988. The news means that Gillingham, 29, is the oldest Briton to win an Olympic swimming medal and is the first to win a medal at three consecutive Games.

The Times broke the news in a phone call to Gillingham and his girlfriend, Helen Payne, at the Speedo House in downtown Atlanta. They had not yet risen. "Suddenly, there was all this banging on the door. I thought with all that had happened it was a bomb scare. I was expecting some tannoy to say 'Stay in your room' ... then I heard Celia [Muir, the promotions manager for Speedo] shouting, 'Nick, Nick, you've got the bronze, there's been a positive'. I thought I was dreaming."

He went on: "When it hits you in your event, you just think: 'God, how sad this is.' I miss out on the medal presentation, the rising of the flag, the acknowledgement of the crowd, your team-mates, the whole swimming family. That moment has been robbed from us." Gillingham is likely to get his medal at a private ceremony in London some time in the future.

He concluded: "When I first heard a couple of months ago about the three medals at consecutive Games, I thought: 'Well, was this realistic?' It's great to think I've created history and I don't feel at all that it is by default. This brings my career to an end on a different plane.

"It makes you wonder what went on in the past. Testing is tougher now and that's the way it has got to be. It's just amazingly sad. You hear whispers all the time and you just have to ignore them and get on with the job in the knowledge that you at least are clean."

Chairman floored by lack of medals

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE British Judo Association (BJA) is to hold an independent inquiry into the poor results at the Olympic Games, after failing to win a single medal in the event. In the previous six Games, 40 British competitors had taken part in the Games, winning a total of 15 medals. However, this proud record came to a halt here, and now a complete reappraisal will have to be made of the preparations.

Although only one medal was won at the world championships last year, the British fighters still performed nobly at the European championships in May. It is true that this was essentially a strong team, with few weaknesses, rather than a squad containing a couple of competitors who were almost certainly going to reach the podium.

However, what was depressing was that so few of the fighters rose to the occasion. Only Nicola Fairbrother and Nigel Donohue got close to reaching the top places.

George Kerr, the BJA chairman, said: "I cannot give an answer why this occurred. We did have one or two pieces of bad luck but everyone who came here had won a medal in either the world or European championships or in leading international tournaments. However, several of the competitors lost to opponents well below their own standard."

He cited the example of Sharon Rendle, the European featherweight champion, and the most consistent fighter. "There was so much vibrancy about her in the Village. However, she went out to a dumpling in the first round, who then lost her next fight."

Kerr said there were no plans to replace Neil Adams as coach. "However, I hope that Neil will learn a great deal from this. The BJA has had a reputation for sacking people when things go wrong but I do not think that this is the answer."

The most sobering remark about Britain's performance at the Games came from Anton Geesink, the Dutchman who broke the Japanese grip on the sport. His remark to Kerr may have been intended to be jocular but it contained some truth. He asked: "Is the British team here?"

British pair battle to win respect

FROM RICHARD EATON

CHRIS HUNT and Simon Archer gave some belated respect to the British challenge which had begun with bright hopes of a first Olympic badminton medal but eventually fell some way short.

Hunt and Archer rediscovered the form that made them European men's doubles champions two years ago, making two spirited and explosive-hitting recoveries to upset the eighth-seeded Sakrapee Thongsari and Pramote Teerawiwatana, of Thailand. They then led 12-8 in the second game in yesterday's quarter-final before finally losing 15-5, 15-12 to Soo Beng Kiang and Tan Kim Her, of Malaysia.

The Lancashire-Worcestershire partnership started ponderously in the first game of the quarter-final and could not push their advantage home in the second. They were also the recipients of a horrendous decision at 12-13 when a Soo "kill" landed out but was called in, putting the Britons matchpoint down. No amount of arguing could get the decision reversed.

Britain must get back in the swim

Facilities and preparation lag rest of world, new performance director tells Craig Lord

BILL FURNISS, head coach to the Britain squad, pulled no punches in his assessment of the team's efforts at the Georgia Tech pool. But he also hit back at criticism by David Wilkie, the nation's most successful swimmer. Atlanta had been, Furniss admitted: "only marginally better than Barcelona" — one of Britain's worst performances ever.

Furniss paid tribute to Ian Turner and Dave Calleja, coaches whose charges — prior to Nick Gillingham's elevation to bronze in the 200 metres breastroke — had provided the nation's sole two medals, and only three national records. But he insisted that many others needed to go back to the drawing board.

Despite those words, Furniss called on Wilkie, winner of the 200 metres breaststroke in 1976, to apologise, for suggesting the team's results were "a disgrace".

"The team was very disappointed with his comments — I don't think that collectively they swam without pride," Furniss said. "He owes the swimmers an apology."

If one is due, it should go firstly to Paul Palmer, 21, silver medal winner in the 400 metres freestyle, and Graeme Smith, 20, who took a bronze medal in the 1,500m freestyle with a British record. Their achievements mark the first British freestyle successes among men since that other Scottish swimmer, Bobby McGregor won the silver medal in the 100 metres freestyle in 1964.

Smith's Stockport team-mate, James Hickman, 20, broke the national 100 metres and 200 metres butterfly records, while nothing more could be asked of Richard Maden, from Rochdale, and Helen Slatter, from Warrington, both clocking best times.

Furniss said that Palmer, Smith and Hickman had been the three best-prepared swimmers on the team. "The coaches and swimmers have got the right work ethic: they made sacrifices — everything in the last two years of their lives was geared to this. With some, it's not happening because they are not prepared.

"Others have to accept that they've got as far as they're going to get. There is a group of swimmers who need to go back with their coaches and take a long, hard look at their long-term preparations."

Britons produced just five best times and six finalists in 43 individual races, only a third of which produced an improved world ranking.

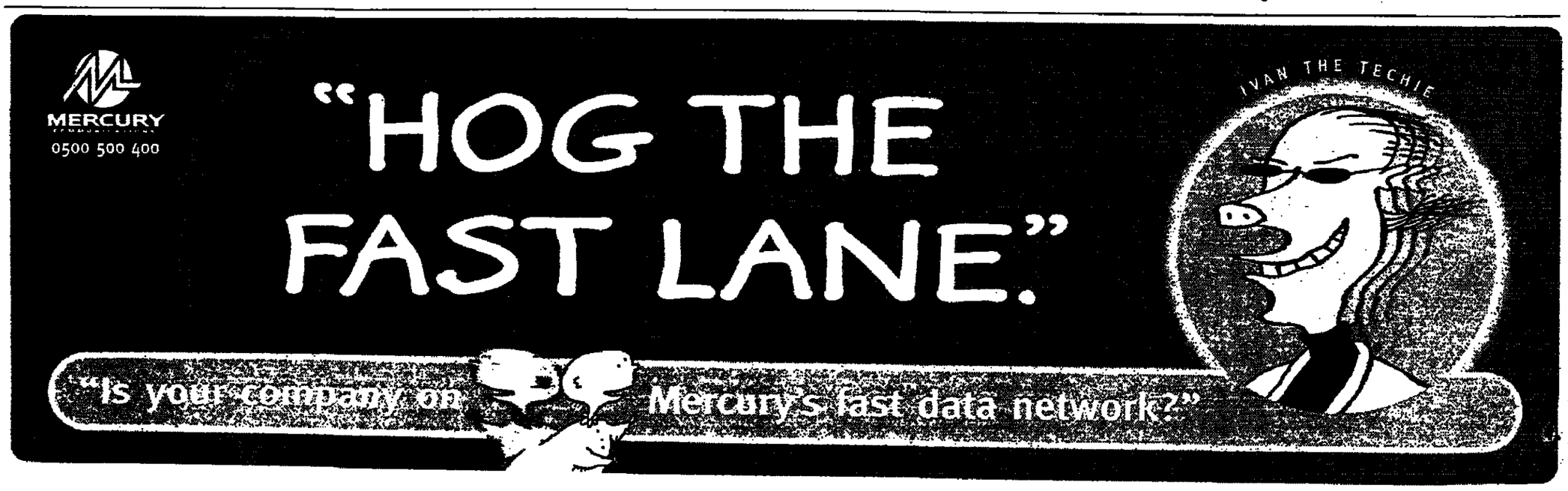
Deryk Snelling, soon to be Britain's first national performance director, a post that rose slowy out of the ashes of Barcelona, agrees that the women, in particular, were "not very good at all".

At least Hardcastle, 27, and Gillingham, 29, bowed out on a fitting stage, an Olympic final. Hardcastle failed to win any medal, though, and Gillingham that bronze by dint of a disqualification.

Snelling, a Lancastrian who has coached in Canada since the Sixties and will start in Britain in October, does not believe that all is gloom. "There are endless possibilites in Britain. I don't know if we are all talking the same language, though. I am supposed to focus on the better athletes — but I see England falling further and further behind the rest of the world in numbers of pools, coaches and reward incentives, Snelling said.

Michelle Smith, Irish winner of three gold and a bronze medal, goes back to bed for five hours in between training sessions, he pointed out. "I doubt if many other swimmers in Britain are doing that," Snelling said.

Michelle Smith, an example: Graeme Smith gave all



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ATLANTA 96: THE COMPLETE GUIDE

Colin Clewes, one of Great Britain's most experienced cycling judges, believes in a practical approach. At the weekend, he walked the 6.3-mile circuit for the men's and women's mountain bike championships and then, to the surprise of his colleagues, rode around the course on a borrowed bike before giving it the seal of approval. "It's a wonderful circuit," he said "but it will be hard, whether it rains or remains dry for Tuesday's title races." Among the tough sections, he reckons, is a 500-metre uphill climb on a scarred rock face surface that is unlikely to provide a comfortable landing for anyone involved in a spill. The wooded section is a never-ending series of sharp bends that demand the most expert of handling skills. Britain has Gary Foord and David Baker in the men's 47-kilometre race and Caroline Alexander, winner of the Tour of Britain, and Deb Murrell in the women's 34 kilometres event. All four competitors are successful at the highest level. PB

HOT SPOT

An anonymous benefactor has promised £1,000 to each member of the Great Britain men's hockey team if they reach the last four. Britain meets Australia today to further that goal; the winners will gain a semi-final place. In their last meeting, in May, Australia won 5-0, when Britain were without their short-corner specialist, Calum Giles, who has scored five goals in the Games. TV: BBC1: from 1.40pm

Americans like a winner, but they like a winner at the Olympic Games, when they are female gymnasts, in particular. Mary Lou Retton took the combined exercises title at the 1984 Games and landed a series of endorsements and television appearances. The victorious United States women's squad are also national heroines here. The final of the women's team event was watched on television by 99 million Americans, the biggest-ever audience recorded for the summer Olympics. Three of the team, Kerry Strug, whose courage in taking part in the vault with a damaged leg has made her an icon to the Americans, Amy Chow and Dominique Dawes had all planned to go to university this autumn. Now they are likely to take part in a nationwide exhibition tour and cash in on their fame. Strug said: "We have got some really exciting offers, which are really unbelievable, a dream come true." Her final vault may be worth up to $600,000 in endorsements and exhibition fees. JG

As circus acts go, synchronised diving makes quite a pretty sight. The protagonists chuck themselves off the highboard — side by side or in tandem — with such symmetrical skill that it makes you wonder if they do it with mirrors. Now, Fina, the sport's governing body, has taken the plunge and introduced the art as an act in its 1998 world championships. Officials such as Tom Gompf, of the United States, are also pushing for the parallel pikes and twin tucks to be included in the 2000 Games in Sydney. The crowd at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center were treated to a display of the diving doubles at the weekend, but there is no truth in the rumour that judging will require twice as many arbiters. Meanwhile, the genuine article, synchronised swimming, gets under way tomorrow. Watch out for the Japan eight — they will perform to *Ninjya*, a composition penned for them by Mizuho Osawa, maestro of the music to which the Games were opened. CL

The legacy of the 1994 World Cup can still be found on the pages of the national newspapers in the United States, which dedicate an enormous amount of space to football, despite the disappointing exit of Alexi Lalas, folk hero, and the men's national team. There might also be an American influence in the statistic that in these Olympics the ball has been in play for an average of 60.07min each game, five minutes more than in Barcelona. The Italian malaise has spread from Euro 96 to the Olympic team. Beaten by Mexico and Ghana and out of the competition in the group stages, a few of Italy's Olympic athletes criticised the team for being here on "a vacation". The accusation brought a tart response from the team's coach, Cesare Maldini. "I am really surprised and shocked," he said. "If they think they are better than us, they are mistaken." Brazil's form has also been poor. This week, the competition moves with a true sense of history to Athens, Georgia, for its final stages. AL

The lighter the luggage, the faster you travel, and Michael Johnson is travelling light. His gold-laminated spikes weigh 7oz the pair. Needless to say, Nike, his shoe sponsor, is pleased with the results. "I believe they assisted Michael to get the 200 metres [world] record [last month]," Tom Carleo, who has been working on the spikes with Johnson for a year, said. "It has been proven that taking the weight down will enhance performance." Any help Johnson can give in helping Nike over its trauma of 1993 will be gratefully received. Quincy Watts, whom Johnson has been striving to replace as the Olympic 400 metres champion, had a Nike shoe fall apart on him during the world championships three years ago and finished out of the medals. According to Carleo, Johnson wanted shoes which "fit like the skin", and which hold together round the bend, where the forces are strongest. The average lifespan of a pair is three races. Fast into the dustbin. DP

Patricia and Nelson Slawter are coping remarkably well. They have the misfortune to be living in the middle of the main Olympic yachting venue. In the ordinary way, their small bungalow is a haven of peace and quiet, tucked away in the trees close to the waterfront next to the Savannah golf club. But with Olympic yachting being run out of their front garden, they are now in a compound, surrounded by scores of marquees — the press centre is directly opposite, the measurement tent is to their left and a row of portable lavatories obscures their view of the water to the right. In order to reduce the tedium of security to a minimum, they have been accredited, but every time they come or go, their car is subjected to a detailed search. An official sign on the lawn reminds us all that their home is still private property. "Our friends tell us to look at it like we are the only people who can say we are actually living in an Olympic venue," said Mrs Slawter, a trainee nurse. EG

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Reports: John Goodbody, Andrew Longmore, Edward Gorman

MEDAL TABLES

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	18	20	7
Russia	14	10	6
France	10	5	12
China	8	8	6
Australia	7	7	10
Italy	7	5	6
Poland	5	4	3
Germany	3	10	15
Cuba	3	4	7
Japan	3	4	2
South Korea	3	4	2
Hungary	3	2	5
New Zealand	3	1	1
Ireland	3	0	1
Turkey	3	0	1
Canada	2	3	3
Belgium	2	1	2
Ukraine	2	0	3
South Africa	2	0	1
Belorussia	1	3	2
Greece	1	3	0
Brazil	1	2	4
Romania	1	2	3
Great Britain	1	2	2
Kazakhstan	1	2	1

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Finland	1	2	0
Czech Rep	1	1	1
North Korea	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	1
Armenia	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Switzerland	1	0	0
Bulgaria	0	3	4
Spain	0	1	2
Austria	0	1	1
Norway	0	1	1
Sweden	0	1	1
Namibia	0	1	0
Uzbekistan	0	1	0
Holland	0	0	7
Denmark	0	0	1
Georgia	0	0	1
Mexico	0	0	1
Moldavia	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
Trinidad	0	0	1

☐ At end of Saturday's events

ATLANTA TODAY

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TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

ARCHERY: Women's individual, first round (14.00) and second round (19.00).

ATHLETICS: Men: Discus, qualifying (14.30 and 16.00); 1,500m, heats (15.45); 400m hurdles, first round (16.45); 110m hurdles, semi-finals (23.20) and final (01.50); 800m, semi-finals (23.50); long jump, final (00.10); 400m, final (02.10); 3,000m steeplechase, heats (00.55); 10,000m, final (03.00). Women: 10km walk (13.30); 100m hurdles, first round (14.45) and second round (22.45); triple jump, qualifying (15.30); discus, final (23.45); 800m, final (00.15); 400m, final (00.35); 400m hurdles, semi-finals (02.30).

BASEBALL: Round-robin: Italy v Holland (15.00); Cuba v Nicaragua (20.00); Japan v South Korea (01.00).

BADMINTON: Mixed doubles, quarter-finals (14.00); women's doubles, semi-finals (14.00 and 01.00); men's doubles, semi-finals (01.00).

BASKETBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: Russia v China (17.00); Italy v Brazil (22.00); Canada v Japan (01.00). Pool B: Ukraine v Australia (15.00); South Korea v United States (20.00); Cuba v Zaire (03.00).

DIVING: Men's springboard, semi-finals (16.30) and final (03.00).

EQUESTRIANISM: Individual showjumping, qualifying round (13.30).

GYMNASTICS: Men's and women's apparatus finals (01.30).

HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool B: Great Britain v Australia (14.00); Malaysia v South Korea (22.30); Holland v South Africa (01.00).

HANDBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Kuwait v Sweden (17.00); Croatia v Russia (21.30); United States v Switzerland (02.00). Pool B: France v Egypt (15.00); Algeria v Germany (19.30); Brazil v Spain (00.00).

SOFTBALL: Semi-finals (23.30 and 02.00).

TABLE TENNIS: Women's doubles, bronze medal match and final (18.00); women's singles, quarter-finals (00.00); men's doubles, semi-finals (02.00).

TENNIS: Women's singles and men's doubles, quarter-finals (16.00).

VOLLEYBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Poland v Argentina (15.00); United States v Bulgaria (00.30); Cuba v Brazil (03.00). Pool B: Italy v Yugoslavia (17.30); Tunisia v Russia (21.00); Holland v South Korea (23.30).

WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 108kg: Group B (17.30) and group A (final, 21.00).

YACHTING: Two races each: Laser and women's Europe. Final race: Star and men's Finn (all 18.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

7.0-9.0am Olympic Breakfast, 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand (with cricket from Lord's), 7.0-8.0pm Essential Olympics, 10.20pm-4.25am Olympic Grandstand.

BBC2

5.35-6.15pm Olympic Grandstand (after close of play at Lord's), 8.0-10.20pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.30-4.55am Olympic Grandstand.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: BRITISH WOMEN RECOVER TO BEAT GERMANY AND STAY IN CONTENTION

Atkins keeps Britain in the hunt for medals

Britain 3
Germany 2

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

BRITISH prospects in the Olympic hockey arena looked even brighter yesterday when the women recovered from a 2-0 deficit to beat Germany in an exciting finish. The result lifted them to fourth position in the table, where they should remain before playing Argentina in their final round-robin match tomorrow. It is a game they need to win to stand a

chance of making the medal play-offs.

After a depressing 1-0 defeat by Australia, victory over the Germans was a much-needed tonic for the British team. With barely a minute left to play, Jill Atkins scored her second goal with a direct hit from a short corner to bring to an end a tense war of attrition. In the last few minutes, the British forwards were moving more fluently with Tina Cullen and Jane Sixsmith prominent.

Exchanges were even in the first half, which was spoiled by some ill-judged passing by both sides. Germany went ahead in the 29th minute from a short corner converted by Fanziska Hentschel, a substitute forward.

Britain tried unavailingly to redress the balance, despite the stirling efforts of Sixsmith and Cullen, and fell 2-0 behind three minutes into the second half when Britta Becker put Germany in firm command with a well-taken goal from a penalty stroke.

Britain made substitutions and put pressure on the German defence on both flanks. They came back into the match in the 51st minute when Atkins reduced the lead from a short corner. Germany then tightened their defence, but the British forwards kept at them relentlessly to reap a rich reward with an equalising goal by Sixsmith from open play with only nine minutes left.

Germany had a slight edge for the next seven minutes, but Britain redoubled their efforts and forced the vital short corner from which Atkins snatched victory in a tense finish.

"I had a lot to make up for after giving the goal away against Australia, so this fantastic performance was a personal triumph for me," Atkins said. "Once again we showed tremendous fighting spirit and now all we can do is to get two points from our last game against Argentina. There's nothing we can do about the other results."

On Friday night, Britain were lucky to escape with only a 1-0 defeat by Australia, who forced 11 short corners, from which four "goals" were disallowed. Britain managed to earn only three short corners in reply and failed to get in a single shot at goal. In fact, they aimed at the goal from open play only once throughout the entire match, but yesterday their game was completely transformed.

BRITAIN: H Rose; K Brown, J Atkins; S Fraser, K Johnson, M Nicholls, J Sixsmith, P Robertson, T Miller, A Bennett, M Davies. Subs used: C Cook, T Cullen, R Simpson, J Mould.

GERMANY: S Wollschlager; S Thomaschinski, K Peters, E Hagenbeumer, M Cramer, P Suxdorf, B Becker, T Dickensched, N Emsing-knenke, H Laetzsch, K Kauschke. Subs used: V Schmoranzer van Kooperen, I Kuhnt, F Hentschel, N Keller.

Umpires: L Crespo (Argentina), M van Gernert (Holland).

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	5	4	1	0	16	4	9
South Korea	5	3	1	1	15	7	7
Holland	5	2	2	1	11	9	6
Great Britain	6	2	2	2	7	11	6
Germany	6	2	1	3	10	10	5
United States	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
Argentina	5	2	0	3	5	14	4
Spain	5	0	1	4	3	11	1

SERGIO MORAES

Atkins, who scored the winning goal in Great Britain's 3-2 defeat of Germany, turns away in celebration

Giles and Mason keep hopes alive

Great Britain 2
South Africa 0

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE 2-0 victory by the Great Britain men against South Africa on Saturday was their first of the tournament after three draws and they will need to win again today against Australia to take a place in the semi-finals.

There has been great rivalry in the past between Britain and Australia in the Olympic arena, dating back to 1956 in Melbourne when they played each other twice. Britain winning 2-1 on both occasions. In the Mexico Games of 1968, there was a goalless draw and at Munich in 1972 they played each other twice, drawing 1-1 in the pool match and losing 2-1 in the play-off for fifth place.

In Los Angeles in 1984 Britain won the bronze medal with a thrilling 3-2 play-off victory after the Australians had scored first. Dodds, Barber, from a short corner, and Kerly scored for Britain.

There was another battle royal in 1988 in Seoul, where, in the semi-finals, Australia wiped out a 2-0 deficit only to be beaten 3-2 with a late goal by Kerly, who scored all three for Britain, the eventual winners of the gold medal.

Four years ago in Barcelona, however, Australia trounced Britain 6-0 in the pool match before losing 2-1 to Germany in the final. The meeting today will be the 38th between the two teams, Britain having won only five and Australia 22.

The match against South Africa was the first between the teams at international level and one that Britain had to win. They were careful not to commit the mistakes that cost them a point against both South Korea and Malaysia and, after taking a 2-0 lead by half-time, they held off a spirited challenge in the second half. Mason had a superb game in goal.

Six short corners were awarded to each side and Britain scored twice from the five granted in the first period. The first goal came in unusual fashion in the fourteenth minute from the second short corner. A shot by Giles glanced off the pads of the goalkeeper and drifted to the left of the circle, where Wyatt calmly drove the ball into the net.

The lead was maintained despite a brief spell of ascendency by South Africa, who were prevented from scoring in the eighth minute when Mason made a fine save from Nicol. The South African was suspended three minutes later for a dangerous charge on Wyatt.

A foot infringement inside the circle by South Africa yielded Britain their fifth short corner, which Giles converted for his fifth goal of the tournament.

South Africa started a revival in the second half and came close to scoring midway through this period when a shot by Nicol narrowly missed a post. Britain, in turn, allowed a couple of chances to slip away.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason, J Wyatt, J Halls, P McGuire, Kalbir Tiher Some Singh, J Shaw, R Garcia, J Lee, J Laslett (captain), N Thompson. Substitutes used: C Giles, S Hazlitt, C Mayer, D Hall, D Luckes.

SOUTH AFRICA: S Myburgh; C Cooke, C Jackson, B Michaloro, G Boddington, W Graham (captain), K Chree, C Tevenham, G Nicol, M Hallowes, M Anderson. Substitutes used: C Fulton, G Clark, A Fredencks, G Fulton.

Umpires: S Horgan (United States) and E Ruiz (Argentina).

MEN'S TABLES

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Germany	4	2	1	1	7	3	5
Pakistan	5	2	1	2	11	8	5
India	4	1	2	1	5	2	4
Argentina	5	2	0	3	9	13	4
United States	4	0	0	4	3	20	0

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	4	3	1	0	10	5	7
Australia	4	2	1	1	11	7	6
Great Britain	4	1	3	0	8	6	5
South Africa	4	0	3	1	8	8	3
South Korea	4	0	2	2	8	11	2
Malaysia	4	0	2	2	5	11	2

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Rosset sees chance of title vanish in a spin

MARC ROSSET, of Switzerland, the defending champion, was eliminated from the men's tennis singles when he retired in the second set against Renzo Furlan, of Italy. Rosset, who was losing 6-0, 4-2, said he was suffering from dizziness. Furlan's compatriot, Andrea Gaudenzi, took the first set off Andre Agassi before the American hit back to reach the quarter-finals with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Monica Seles, of the United States, became the first quarter-finalist in the women's singles by beating Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, 6-3, 6-3. Seles was joined by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, who beat Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of Holland, 6-4, 7-6.

Stray puncher

Boxing: America has proved to be too much of a challenge for Alhassan Leiodi, the champion of Ghana, on his first visit to the United States. The day before the Olympics began he told his team manager he was going for a walk around the block. He disappeared, however, and frantic inquiries revealed that he was last spotted going into a disco in New York. "We believe he has been led astray," a spokesman said.

Home verdict

Television: NBC, the host broadcaster, is being criticised for only showing American gymnasts and their achievements. But it is not only the supporters who feel aggrieved by American nationalism. Lilia Podkopayeva's all-round gold medal for the Ukraine was greeted with total silence by the crowd, while every move of the US team on the other side earned rapturous applause.

Griffiths on track

Athletics: Gwen Griffiths, of South Africa, has been released from hospital in Atlanta after being knocked unconscious when she slipped and fell while warming up for the heats of the 5,000 metres. Griffiths still hopes to compete in the 1,500 metres.

Obree and McGregor left with little time to regroup

FROM PETER BRYAN

BOTH Graeme Obree and Yvonne McGregor, Britain's beaten cycling pursuiters, this week start to rebuild the pieces of their shattered Olympic medal ambitions, together with their unsuccessful colleagues in the team pursuit.

It is only a month before Britain hosts the World Track Championships in Manchester, and for the home team the prospects are as gloomy as the Olympic results.

The team failed to win a medal during the five-day track programme and Obree, as world champion and world record-holder, suffered the hardest knocks. He failed to gain a qualifying place in the top eight and then looked on as his world record was repeatedly broken, finally coming to rest at 4min 19.153sec.

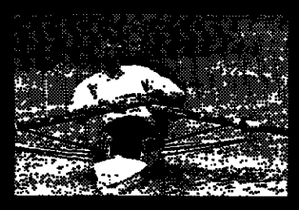
That was achieved by Andrea Collinelli, of Italy, who finished runner-up to the Scot in the world championship final last year.

McGregor reached the semi-final of the women's 3,000 metres pursuit on Saturday and drew the stylish Antonella Bellutti, of Italy, who has adopted Obree's stretched position.

The British woman was slowly away from the starting gate, losing almost two seconds on the first of the 12 250-metre laps and was never in serious contention. Her only chance of a medal — there is now no ride-off for the bronze — was to set a faster time than Judith Arndt, of Germany, who had been well beaten by Marion Clignet, of France, in the other semi-final. Arndt clocked 3min 38.744sec, which was McGregor's target time, but she had nothing left towards the end of her ride and missed out by two seconds.

Silvio Martinello, of Italy, won the 40 kilometres points race yesterday and Jens Feidler, of Germany, retained the coveted sprint title.

Where the Gold medal was really won



It's 8am on Tuesday December the 19th. Matthew Pinsent and Steven Redgrave are halfway through their 16km rowing session on the Thames at Henley. It's been like this ever since they won their last gold medal in Barcelona. And if it's not in the UK it's been training camps in Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Spain or anywhere else that has allowed them to take their training regime to new limits. Jürgen Grobler, their coach has demanded another 4 seconds off their gold medal winning time in Barcelona to win gold in Atlanta. It's been four long hard years. Russell Athletic, their personal clothing sponsors, have been with them all the way.

Well done Steven & Matthew.

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Fearless Fu reaps reward of hard work

FROM CRAIG LORD

THE day Fu Mingxia outclassed a vertigo sufferer, to become the first woman since 1956 to retain the 10-metre highboard title, proved to be a long one: the security headcount after the Centennial Park blast raised her from sleep at 5am and a late final kept her on dainty toes until just shy of midnight.

But then Fu, once so young a competitor they changed the rules, is used to long and tiring days. For the past ten years, the Chinese diver has trained between four and seven hours a day, with one day's rest a week. She is 17; was taken away from home at eight; has two world and two Olympic titles; and is 16 years the junior of Mary Ellen Clark, an American who mastered a fear of heights to match the bronze medal she won in 1992, this time behind Annika Walter, of Germany.

Clark, the oldest American to win an Olympic diving title, is about to retire, and dedicated her last Olympic performance to her father, Gene, who in April was told he had cancer.

Fu became the only diver to exceed 500 points in five final dives to win on 521.58, to Walter's 479.22 and Clark's 472.95, yesterday. Her greatest dive was her penultimate: a back 3½ somersault with tuck that was over in 2.5sec but which will live on in the memory, to be mulled over like a fine wine.

However, history already holds a special place for Fu, who is likely to remain the youngest world diving champion. She was 12 years old when she leapt from the ten-metre board in Perth, Australia, in 1991 to execute eight dives that would help to bring about a change to the rules of her sport; an age limit of 14 for world-level events was imposed after Fu's flight to fame.

"I'm a lot more experienced and mature, both physically and mentally now. I have made many sacrifices for this and I thank my coach, Yu Fen," Fu said. "China will be proud of me. I have not let my friends and family down."

Nor is she likely to on Wednesday in the three-metre springboard. Fu is 30lb heavier than she was in Barcelona and the extra weight lends itself to a better effort on the springboard.

For Great Britain, Hayley Allen, 21, from Pembury in Kent, finished ninth, her best ever result. Mike Edge, Allen's coach, at Sheffield, was investigated by the Child Protection Unit this year over allegations that later proved false.

The matter prevented him from fulfilling his role as British coach and he has stayed at home. "He's worked as hard as we have," Allen said. "It's a real kick in the teeth but he's coped well."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Athletics

Men's 110 metres hurdles

FIRST ROUND (first three in each heat and eight fastest losers to second round): Fastest qualifiers: Heat one: 1, I Kovac (Slovakia) 13.62sec; 2, M McKoy (Austria) 13.70. Heat two: 1, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.39; 2, E Ballo (Cuba) 13.47; 3, A Tulloch (GB) 13.56. Heat three: 1, M Crear (US) 13.44; 2, A Garcia (Cuba) 13.56; 3, S Pieforo (Bel) 13.56. Heat four: 1, C Jackson (GB) 13.36; 2, E Kaiser (Ger) 13.64. Heat five: 1, A Johnson (US) 13.66. Heat six: 1, A Jarrett (GB) 13.47; 2, V Clarico (Fr) 13.52; 3, T J Kearns (Ire) 13.67. Heat seven: 1, K Vander-Kuyp (Aus) 13.32; 2, E Valle (Cuba) 13.35. Heat eight: 1, E Swift (US) 13.36; 2, Tong Li (China) 13.57. Non-qualifier: S Cahill (Ire) 14.28.

Women's marathon

1, F Roba (Eth) 2hr 26min 05sec; 2, V Yegorova (Rus) 2.28.05; 3, Y Arimori (Japan) 2.28.39; 4, K Dörre-Heinig (Ger) 2.28.45; 5, R Rios (Sp) 2.30.50; 6, L Simon (Rom) 2.31.04; 7, M Machado (Por) 2.31.11; 8, S Krolik (Ger) 2.31.16; 9, Xuijuan Ren (China) 2.31.21; 10, A M Lauck (US) 2.31.30; 11, M Sobanska (Pol) 2.31.52; 12, I Mole (Japan) 2.32.35; 13, O Ferrara (It) 2.33.09; 14, M Pont (Sp) 2.33.27; 15, A Kanana (Ken) 2.34.19; 16, E McColgan (GB) 2.34.30; 17, J Asai (Japan) 2.34.31; 18, F Rochat-Moser (Switz) 2.34.48; 19, G Gonzalez (Arg) 2.35.12; 20, J Sung-ok (N Kor) 2.35.31; 21, I Bogachova (Kyr) 2.35.44; 22, I Gonzalez (Col) 2.35.45; 23, S Aktas (Turk) 2.36.14; 24, M Rondors (Bel) 2.36.27; 25, C Ok Kim (N Kor) 2.36.31; 26, A Dias (Por) 2.36.39; 27, A Nikel (Pol) 2.36.41; 28, O Mira (S Kor) 2.36.44; 29, L Somers (US) 2.36.54; 30, D Bartczak (Can) 2.36.58; 45, K Macleod (GB) 2.42.08; 58, S Rigg (GB) 2.52.09.

Women's 400 metres hurdles

HEATS (first three in each heat and four fastest losers to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, G Amundsen (Ice) 54.88sec; 2, S Ramon-Patrick (US) 55.55; 3, D Parris (Jam) 55.64; 4, M Schenk (Switz) 55.70; 5, T Lodomskaya (Bela) 55.82; 6, V De Angeli (It) 57.12; 7, M Estelle Kapalu (Vanuatu) 58.68; 8, H Pei-Chen (Taiwan) 58.90. Heat two: 1, T Buford-Bailey (US) 55.23; 2, S Gunnell (GB) 55.29; 3, S Regor (Ger) 55.33; 4, R Edch (Can) 55.64; 5, N Torchina (Kaz) 55.94; 6, M Stoop (Switz) 56.32; 7, M Alonso (Sp) 56.53; 8, L Akinola (Nigeria) 56.83. Heat three: 1, K Batten (US) 54.92; 2, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 55.82; 3, A Merckon (Bel) 55.88; 4, A Knoroz (Rus) 56.21; 5, C Scott-Pomales (Jam) 56.21; 6, K van der Voon (SA) 57.00; 7, T Kurochkina (Bela) 57.28. Heat four: 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 54.70; 2, H Meissner (Ger) 55.08; 3, S Smith (Ire) 55.22; 4, I Tinka (Rom) 55.42; 5, L Jekabsone (Lat) 56.18; 6, N Voronkova (Bela) 56.97; 7, E Panagua (Sp) 58.10.

Women's discus

QUALIFYING (62.00m or leading 12 to final): Qualifiers: Pool A: 1, I Wyludda (Ger) 66.78m; 2, O Chernyavskaya (Rus) 63.02; 3, N Grasu (Rom) 63.00; 4, E Zvereva (Bela) 62.74; 5, T Machado (Por) 62.02. Pool B: 1, Yanling Xiao (China) 65.10; 2, F Dietzsch (Ger) 63.94; 3, A Gunther (Ger) 63.60; 4, L Vizentari (Aus) 63.00; 5, N Sadova (Rus) 62.28; 6, M Bergmann (Nor) 62.24; 7, I Yerchenko (Bela) 62.04. Non-qualifier: J McKernon (GB) 58.88.

Badminton

Men's doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: R Mainaky and R Subagja (Indo) bt Zhanzhong Huang and Xin Jiang (China) 15-7, 15-7; Soon Kit Cheah and Yap Kim Hock (Malay) bat Ha Tae-kwon and Kang Kyung-jin (S Kor) 18-17, 15-8; S Antonius and D Kantono (Indo) bt A Antropov and N Zuev (Rus) 15-5, 15-1; Soo Bong Kang and Tom Kim Her (Malay) bt S Archer and C Hunt (GB) 15-5, 15-12.

Women's doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: Yyuah Qin and Yongchu Tang (China) bt L Stuer-Lauridsen and M Thomsen (Den) 15-8, 15-3; Gil Young-ah and Jang Hye-ock (S Kor) bt A Jorgensen and L Olsen (Den) 15-9, 15-9; H Kirkegaard and R Olsen (Den) bt Ying Chen and Xingyong Peng (China) 15-6, 8-15, 15-5; Fei Ge and Jun Gu (China) bt E and Z Rosiana (Indo) 15-7, 15-3.

Baseball

Round-robin

South Korea 11 Holland 3

Basketball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Lithuania 116 China 55
POOL B: Australia 103 Greece 62

Beach volleyball

Men

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: J Child and M Hosko (Can) bt M Min and J Brenha (Por) 12-5, 12-8

Cycling

Men's sprint

RACE FOR BRONZE MEDAL: C Harnett (Can, 10.91sec and 10.94) bt G Nowland (Aust) 2-0
FINAL: J Fiedler (Ger, 10.66 and 11.07) bt M Nothstein (US) 2-0

Men's points race

1, S Martinello (It) 37pts; 2, B Walton (Can) 29; 3, S O'Grady (Aus) 25; 4, V Yakovlev (Ukr) 24; 5, F Moreau (Fr) 24; 6, J Llaneras (Sp) 17; 7, Cho Ho-sung (S Kor) 15; 8, G McLeay (NZ) 8.

Women's individual pursuit

FINAL: A Bellutti (It, 3min 33.595sec) bt M Clignet (Fr; 3:38.571). J Arndt (Ger) won bronze medal on Saturday.

Hockey

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Pakistan 6 Argentina 2.

Women's round-robin

Great Britain 3 Germany 2. Australia 4 United States 0

Rowing

Men's lightweight double sculls

FINAL: 1, Switzerland (Michael and Markus Gier) 6min 23.47sec; 2, Holland (M van der Linden and P Aardewijn) 6.26.48; 3, Australia (A Edwards and B Hick) 6.26.69; 4, Spain 6.28.09; 5, Austria 6.30.85; 6, Sweden 6.34.78.

Men's quadruple sculls

FINAL: 1, Germany (A Steiner, A Hajek, S Volkert, A Willms) 5.56.93; 2, United States (T Young, B Jamieson, E Mueller, J Gaiser) 5.59.10; 3, Australia (J Hooker, D Free, R Snook, B Hanson) 6.01.65; 4, Italy 6.02.12; 5, Switzerland 6.04.52; 6, Sweden 6.07.75.

Men's lightweight coxless fours

FINAL: 1, Denmark (N Henriksen, T Poulsen, E Ebbesson, V Fedosejeen) 6.09.58; 2, Canada (J Lay, D Boyes, G Hassett, B Poulton) 6.10.13; 3, United States (D Collins, J Pfaendtner, M Schneider, W Corlucci) 6.12.29; 4, Ireland (D Holland, S Lynch, N Maxwell, A O'Connor) 6.13.51; 5, Germany 6.14.79; 6, Australia 6.18.16.

Men's eights

FINAL: 1, Holland (H Zwolle, D Simon, M Bartman, K Maucdijk, N van der Zwan, N van Stoorn, R Florijn, N Remkes; J Duyzker) 5.43.74; 2, Germany (F Reiter, M Kleinschmidt, W Huhn, M Weber, D Kirchhoff, T Stroppelhoff, U Vieters, R Baur; P Thiede) 5.44.58; 3, Russia (A Chernoshentsev, A Glukhov, D Rozinkovich, V Volodenkov, N Aksyonov, R Monchenko, P Melnikov, S Matveyev, A Lukyanov) 5.45.77; 4, Canada (G Stevenson, P Graham, H Hering, M Platt, D Barber, A Crosby, S Brodie, A Parrr; P Newman) 5.46.54; 5, United States (D Burden, B Koehler, P Collins, E Murphy, J Koven, J Brown, D Smith, F Honobein, S Segaloff) 5.48.45; 6, Australia (J Stewart, G Stewart, R Janning, N Porzig, J Fernandez, B Dodwell, R Walker, R Weame, B Hayman) 5.58.82.

Women's lightweight double sculls

FINAL: 1, Romania (C Burcica and C Macovei) 7.12.78; 2, United States (T Bell and L Burns) 7.14.65; 3, Australia (R Joyce and V Lee) 7.16.56; 4, Italy 7.16.83; 5, Denmark 7.18.20; 6, Holland 7.21.92.

Women's quadruple sculls

FINAL: 1, Germany (J Sorgers, K Rutschow, K Boron, K Koeppen) 6.27.44; 2, Ukraine (O Ronchina, I Frolova, S Mazny, D Mitakhuginova) 6.30.36; 3, Canada (L Biesenthal, M McBean, D O'Grady, K Hoddley) 6.30.38; 4, Denmark 6.30.92; 5, China 6.31.10; 6, Holland 6.35.54.

Women's eights

FINAL: 1, Romania (A Tanase, V Cocheiea, L Galencu, D Sperlu, I Olteanu, E Lupa, M Popescu, D Ignat; E Georgescu) 6.19.73; 2, Canada (H McDermid, T Tsang, M Maunder, A Korn, E Robinson, A van der Kamp, J Monroe, T Luke; L Thompson) 6.24.05; 3, Belorussia (N Lavrenko, A Pankina, N Volchek, T Davydenko, V Strabatun, Y Mikulich, N Stasyuk, M Znak, Y Pavlovich) 6.24.44; 4, United States (A Kakela, M McCagg, L Korholz, C Fallon, B McCagg, M Michin, A Fuller, J Dore; Y Farooq) 6.25.79; 5, Australia (J Luff, G Douglas, A Sale, A Ozolins, K Wieland, A Davies, C Klomp, B Thompson, K Hicks) 6.30.10; 6, Holland 6.31.11.

Table tennis

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: J Rosskopf (Ger) bt P Chila (Fr) 21-16, 21-16, 23-21; Taek-Soo Kim (S Kor) bt Linghua Kong (China) 21-17, 21-18, 20-22, 21-12; Guofeng Liu (China) bt K Matsushita (Japan) 21-18, 21-10, 21-17; Wen Huang (Can) bt J-O Waldner (Swe) 21-15, 17-21, 21-16, 21-15; J-M Serve (Bel) bt Z Primorac (Cro) 21-13, 21-16, 21-8; P Korbel (Cz) bt H Hoyama (Bra) 17-21, 19-21, 21-17, 21-14, 21-13.

Volleyball

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: China bt Japan 16-14, 15-11, 15-10.

Water polo

Classification matches

ELEVENTH PLACE: Ukraine 9 Holland 9
NINTH PLACE: Germany 10 Romania 6
SEVENTH PLACE: United States 12 Yugoslavia 8

A week in the life of the Olympic Games has produced sport at its finest but leaves questions unanswered

The opening ceremony drew inspiration from ancient Athens and modern America to produce some poignant moments and most memorable images, but it also attracted considerable criticism for going on so long

Pleasure, pain and plenty to ponder

Kerri Strug: American heroine and wounded bird of gymnastics

Nothing is simple, not even in sport. The Olympic Games in Atlanta are riddled with ambiguities, many brought into cruel perspective by the Friday night bomber. These are the images of the actual sporting part of the first week of the Games, every one of them heavy with question.

Kerri Strug became an all-American heroine and the wounded bird of gymnastics with her last-vault heroics as the United States won the team gold medal. But she is overshadowed by her coach, the bullying and limelight-stealing Bela Karolyi, asking a thousand questions about sport and cruelty.

Michelle Smith became Ireland's heroine and an American enemy. The US, deprived of China as the great foe of the swimming pool, turned on mighty Ireland, and dropped a thousand innuendoes connecting Smith and drugs.

Nayim Suleymanoglu, the muscled midget of Turkey, is one of the great Olympians, having won his third gold medal. But he remains the only gold medal-winner who changed countries for a transfer fee, a former Bulgarian and symbol of the political inconsistencies that surround the Games.

Vitalyi Scherbo, the great gymnast, is a Belorussian now resident in the US. In his new country of dreams and automobiles, his wife was involved in a dreadful car accident. Scherbo represents in terrible form the phenomenon of grace under pressure.

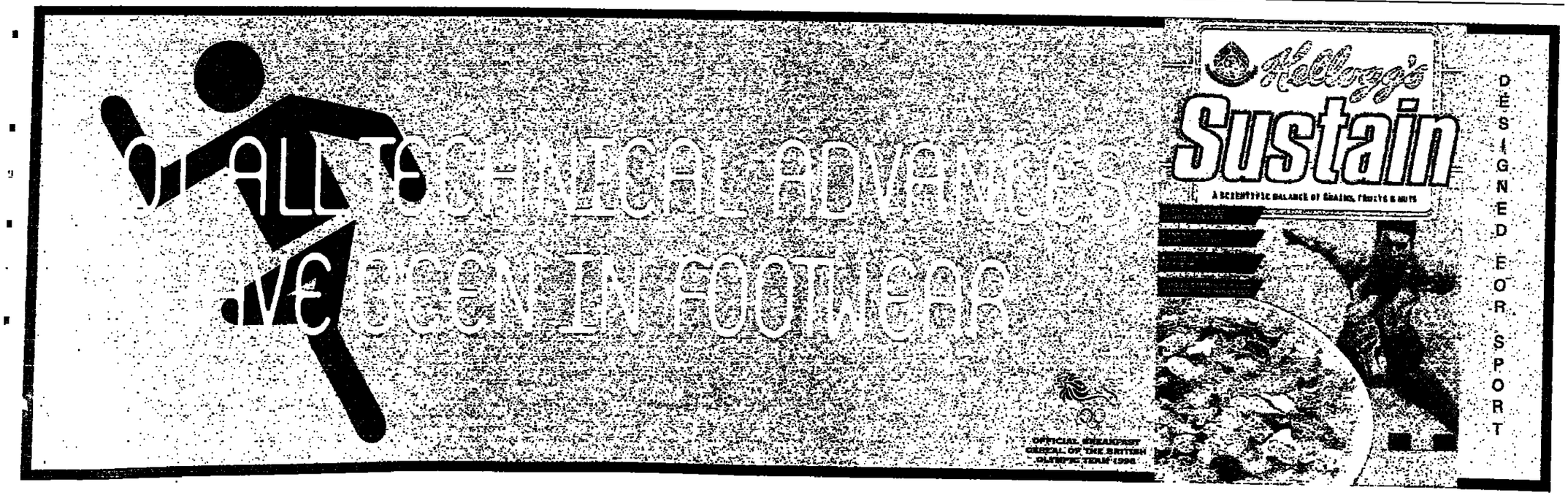
The sport of beach volleyball represents another ambiguity, the changing emphasis of the Games, an increasing preference for flashy "lifestyle" sports.

But the last and greatest ambiguity is represented by the tortured figure of Muhammad Ali at the opening ceremony, a man created by sport, who recreated his sport as an expression of pride and freedom for an individual and his race, and who was destroyed by sport. What better symbol for the eternal questions of the Olympic Games?

Photographs: Marc Aspland and Chris Smith

Beach volleyball, left, burst on to the Olympic scene; Michelle Smith, top, dominated in the pool while Naim Suleymanoglu, the Pocket Hercules, joined the pantheon of Olympic greats

Scherbo, left, has performed under pressure, Ali moved many when he lit the Olympic flame



OLYMPIC GAMES

Neglected Phillips offers solution to eventing decline

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN ATLANTA

WHAT has happened to British eventing? For the second successive Olympic Games the team started as one of the favourites but will come home empty-handed. Inevitably there are now questions to be asked of the management of a team that failed to produce the bold, attacking riding which was once the hallmark of British eventing.

Charles Lane, the *chef d'équipe*, points to bad luck — which there was. Ian Stark's fall, Leslie Law's withdrawal, the injury sustained by Charlotte Bathe's *The Cool Customer*. But other teams had their share of bad luck and overcame it. New Zealand won a clutch of medals despite the last-minute withdrawal of their dual Olympic champion, Mark Todd. Australia won the gold despite the loss of their Olympic champion, Matt Ryan.

Great Britain came here with high expectations after their successes in the 1994 world championships and 1995 European championships. But, as has been shown time and again since 1972 (the last occasion Britain won gold) the Olympic Games cannot be compared to other championships. The heightened atmosphere and increased competitiveness require a tougher, more single-minded approach.

What Britain lack is an overall team manager who can instil this attacking spirit. Australia's two successive

team gold medals have followed the appointment of the inspirational Wayne Roycroft. The United States, winners of the team silver medal, owe their dramatic improvement to Britain's Mark Phillips, who was appointed manager after the team finished a lowly tenth in Barcelona.

Britain, who failed to snap up Phillips when he was available, have a fragmented hierarchy. Bridget Parker, a member of the 1972 gold medal-winning team, is the chairman of the selectors, but once the event has started she hands over to Lane and two trainers — Christopher Bartle for dressage and Ginny Elliot for jumping. No one is in overall command.

While Roycroft sent his team out on the cross-country course "to go for it", the British competitors were told "to ride at a speed at which you feel comfortable". This advice from Elliot, whose own riding at the 1984 and 1988 Games epitomised the once fearless British approach, was taken literally.

Karen Dixon, on Too Smart, collected 43.20 time penalties — more than Stark who had had a fall. With William Fox-Pitt making an untypical mistake on Cosmopolitan, Gary Parsonage, a newcomer, was the only one to emerge with honour. Having expected to be the slowest on the one-paced Magic Rogue, he finished clear in the fastest time.

The temperature cannot be used as an excuse. The modifications made to the speed and endurance phase under the direction of Hugh Thomas, the technical delegate, plus the lower than expected temperatures, ensured that no horse suffered any heat-related injury.

Britain's lack of an overall trainer-manager was again apparent in Friday's dismal showjumping phase of the individual contest, in which Chris Hunnable had 30 faults and Mary King 40. Hunnable was helped beforehand by Maureen Holden, his personal trainer. King, the rider most in need of direction, was, in Elliot's words, "doing her own thing".

With The Horse Trials Group on the point of breaking away from the British Horse Society this Olympic failure could not have come at a worse time. Britain has the riders and the horses, but the motivation is missing.

This is the second Olympics at which teams trained by Phillips have finished above Britain. In 1992 it was Spain.

Phillips has not yet renewed his four-year contract with the United States. The British selectors should ensure he never does.

Germany set to extend record

GERMANY, *winners of the* team dressage competition at every Olympic Games since 1972, looked set to extend that record yesterday after three of their riders, led by the world and European champion, Isabell Werth, on Gigolo, finished in the top six at the three-quarters stage of the Olympic team competition (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Holland, boosted by a superb test from Anky van Grunsven, on Bonfire, are on course for the silver medal and the United States, the bronze. Britain's tale of woe in the equestrian events continued when the team dropped to eighth place, out of ten, with none of the first three riders qualifying for the individual contest, which takes place on Wednesday.

Vicky Thompson, who had come here in confident mood with the Dutch-bred Enfant after performing her best test to date at Aachen last month, *found herself having* "to nurse" the excitable ten-year-old gelding through the first half of the test. "He was in shock when he went into the stadium — his eyes were on stalks," Thompson said.

Jane Bredin, who rode her test on Saturday, could do even less with Cupido — the most experienced horse in the team. The 12-year-old gelding, who may have suffered cramp, was barely able to perform the movements of the test and finished close to bottom with 1,468. With Joanna Jackson, the third rider, on Mester Mouse, suffering an untypical attack of nerves and finishing on 1,577, it was a dispiriting result for Britain.

□ The Great Britain showjumping team — Nick Skelton, Geoff Billington, John and Michael Whitaker — attempt to restore some British pride today when they compete in the qualifying round for the individual contest.

AUBREY WASHINGTON

Simpson struggles to tame the might and majesty of the swirling Ocoee River

Simpson determined to stay afloat on the river of tears

Andrew Longmore salutes a British competitor unmoved by talk of gallant failure

I HAVE found the cruellest sport in the Olympics. It is a sport where an inch costs a mile and six inches means the difference between first and 21st. The ideal qualification for a *slalom* canoeist is a degree in philosophy. They talk a lot about bad luck and life.

There were no words to console Lynn Simpson in the *aftermath of her gallant de*feat in the women's kayak. The world champion blew it in the most desperate way possible. Another gallant British defeat? She would hit me for the insult. Simpson does not deal in gallant defeat. Victory or defeat; there is no halfway point. After the word "job" in the British Olympic team handbook, she has put "professional sportswoman".

Only with time will Simpson see that gallant defeat is much more than an excuse for failure. Her second run down the treacherous Ocoee River course — all 161.71sec of it — brought her a palm's width from a spectacular gold medal and, for all who watched it, a memory of unrewarded brilliance.

Simpson is the world champion and the last time she competed on this river, she won a World-Cup event by four seconds. She is unquestionably the best woman paddler in the world. All she had to do was prove it on Olympic day. But her opening run was *a shambles. She missed her* line on the first gate, flipped over and missed the second, then capsized again midway down the course, missing two gates, touched two more and incurred 160 penalty points. It was too bad to be true.

Slalom, though, has a built-in safety mechanism. Only the best of the two runs counts for the medals. So Simpson had about two hours to turn negative to positive.

In the British team tent, Simpson watched the x-rated video of her first run, went through her psychological exercises to concentrate her mind on the task ahead and then fell asleep. Her second run was near-perfect. Six inches from perfect. On gate 11, a relatively innocuous gate that required a traverse across the flow and an acute turn, Simpson turned a fraction of a second too early. Her helmeted head, hunched down with effort, passed under one of the high-hanging bars. The rules state that the whole head has to pass through the gate.

At the time, Simpson did not realise her mistake. Only *when she reached the finish* in gold-medal time did she see the penalty on the scoreboard. Had she touched the bar on gate 11 with her body or paddle, the five-point penalty *would still have left her as the* gold medal-winner. Missing a gate, albeit by fractions, costs 50 points. From first down to 21st. "I can't go out like that," Simpson said. "I'll have to go on now because I know — and this is going to sound bad — I'm the best racer out there. I think I proved that to myself."

To cap a day of ill luck for the British team, Gareth Marriott, a silver medal-winner in Barcelona, was edged out of the bronze in the final moments of the men's kayak. Marriott had two clean runs, but knew the time for his first, the better of the two, would not hold up to the end. "You can prepare as hard as you like, but sometimes it's just not your day," he said.

By nightfall, Simpson was beginning to pick up the pieces. "*Ah well*," *she sighed*. "Back to the drawing board." Gallant defeat? They should mint medals for it down on the river.

Plenty to praise in and out of Olympic pool

ALEX BENNETT

On the mood in Atlanta

I am not sure what mood to be in. The *swimming* is over, the Great Britain team and all my friends have swum well and, traditionally, it is now party time. However, after Friday night's bomb in the park, I don't know how to feel.

When my father woke me at 5.45am to tell me what had happened, I was horrified and angry, but also glad that none of my friends had been hurt. *It* took me a long time to fall back to sleep, though, as I tried to comprehend why people could do such a thing. I found no answer. I am very glad that the Games are *continuing* as planned. When travelling in the city the next day, I heard no talk about the bomb, just discussions about sport and of who had been to see what event.

This is what is so good about the Olympics — it is a big enough celebration of nations becoming united to overcome the evil of some small separatist group. So, regardless of the bomb, let me talk about my impressions of these Games.

The Olympics has been built up in my mind for the past 19 years and I had dreamt they were the most incredible thing that could be experienced. My expectations have been realised over the past week and, although a few aspects of the Games have been a little disappointing, these are really *only small factors*.

In the end, it is the sport that *matters*, appearing at Atlanta. The quality of competition, the atmosphere produced and emotions induced by the *sports I have seen have* surpassed what I had imagined.

At the aquatic centre, I have been entertained by the most talented and toughest swimmers in the world. The racing has been amazingly competitive. I have seen world record-holders not make finals and complete unknowns from small countries smash their best times to win medals.

Fractions of a second have decided who goes home as winner and who as losers. Ultimately, the swimming has surprised and delighted everybody who follows it, as so few results have turned out as expected.

Being here, and experiencing the emotions I have, has made me far more determined to swim and make my mark in Sydney in 2000. However, it *has also made me realise just* how hard it is to be successful at the Olympics.

For this reason, I am very proud of the British swimmers today. They have produced a great overall result. Best times have been swum. British records have been broken and medals have been won.

Public expectation always seems to be higher than is realistic but I think, when they see the statistics, people will be as impressed as I am at how the British swimmers have fared this year. *The number of them making* A and B finals (the top eight or 16 in the world) is outstanding and we *have three medals* — no mean feat in a sport which is now participated in at the highest level across the globe.

Compared with nations such as the United States and *Russia, our medal count looks* less than average but, when you realise the countries, such as France, that are missing from the swimming medal tables completely, you appreciate the British achievement.

Graeme Smith won a bronze medal in the 1,500 metres freestyle on Friday night and the news that Nick Gillingham has been awarded the bronze (after the disqualification of a Russian due to a positive drugs test) has underlined this achievement. It has also made a great conclusion to my time at the Olympics. I have said many times that I would much rather have been competing, but being here as a spectator was the second-best option and I am delighted it was made possible.

I have enjoyed myself so much and will go home with so many memories — I just can't wait now to get back in the pool and start training...

I am going to do everything I can to get back to the Olympics in four years' time, and to be there in Sydney as a competitor.

LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Athletics

Men's 100 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 9.94sec; 2, D Bailey (Can) 10.00; 3, M Marsh (US) 10.08; 4, M Green (Jam) 10.11. Heat two: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 9.93; 2, D Mitchell (US) 10.00; 3, L Christie (GB) 10.04; 4, D Ezinwa (Nigeria) 10.04; I Mackie (GB) withdrew, 10.25 in second round. Eliminated in second round: D Braithwaite (GB) 10.27

FINAL: 1, D Bailey (Can) 9.84 (world record); 2, F Fredericks (Nam) 9.89; 3, A Boldon (Trin) 9.90; 4, Mitchell 9.99; 5, Marsh 10.00; 6, Ezinwa 10.14; 7, M Green (Jam) 10.16. Christie disqualified

Men's 400 metres

SECOND ROUND (first four in each heat to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, S Bada (Nigeria) 44.88sec; 2, D Clarke (Jam) 44.98; 3, S Kitur (Ken) 45.03; 4, T Douglas (Berm) 45.26. Heat two: 1, R Black (GB) 44.72; 2, I Ismail (Qatar) 44.96; 3, H Reynolds (US) 45.21; 4, S Balosak (Slovakia) 45.32. Heat three: 1, M Johnson (US) 44.62; 2, R Martin (Jam) 44.74; 3, D Kamoga (Uga) 44.82; 4, N do Silva (Trin) 45.02; 6, D Ladejo (GB) 45.62. Heat four: 1, A Harrison (US) 44.79; 2, I Thomas (GB) 45.04; 3, M Mcdonald (Jam) 45.26; 4, E Coombs (St Vincent) 45.43

Men's 10,000 metres

HEATS (first eight in each heat and four fastest losers to final): Fastest qualifiers: Heat one: 1, W Bikila (Eth) 27min 50.57sec; 2, P Tergat (Ken) 27:50.66; 3, M Ntawulikura (Rwanda) 27:50.69; 4, A Nizigama (Burundi) 27:53.21; 5, S Hissou (Mor) 27:53.32; 6, S Baldini (It) 27:55.79; 7, A Anton (Spi) 27:56.26; 11, P Evans (GB) 28:24.39 (qualifies). Heat two: 1, H Gebrselassie (Eth) 28:14.20; 2, J Machuka (Ken) 28:14.27; 3, P Koech (Ken) 28:17.48; 4, J Brown (GB) 28:19.85. Non-qualifier: 19, S Dollman (Ire) 29:19.03

Men's high jump

QUALIFYING (2.28m or leading 12 to final): Qualifiers: Pool A: C Austin (US), S Hoen (Nor), T Kemp (Bah), J Kotewicz (Pol), L Papakostas (Gr), Jin-Hack Lee (S Kor), S Smith (GB), T Janku (Cz), P Radkowicz (Pol) all 2.28. Non-qualifier: M Mandy (Ire) 2.20. Pool B: T Forsyth (Aus), A Partyka (Pol), D Topic (Yugo), J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.25, W Kreissig (Ger) all 2.28. Non-qualifier: D Grant (GB) 2.26

Men's shot

FINAL: 1, R Barnes (US) 21.62m; 2, J Godina (US) 20.79; 3, O Bagach (Ukr) 20.75; 4, P Dal Soglio (It) 20.74; 5, O-S Buder (Ger) 20.51; 6, R Virastyuk (Ukr) 20.45; 7, C Hunter (US) 20.39; 8, D Peric (Yug) 20.07

Men's triple jump

FINAL: 1, K Harrison (US) 18.09m; 2, J Edwards (GB) 17.88; 3, Y Quesada (Cuba) 17.44; 4, M Conley (US) 17.40; 5, A Martirosyan (Arm) 16.97; 6, B Wellman (Berm) 16.95; 7, G Georgiev (Bul) 16.92; 8, R Howard (US) 16.90. Non-qualifier: F Agyepong (GB) 16.71

Men's hammer

QUALIFYING (leading 12 overall to final): Leading qualifiers: Pool A: 1, B Kiss (Hun) 78.34m; 2, H Weis (Ger) 77.84; 3, S Ziolkowski (Pol) 77.64. Pool B: 1, L Deal (US) 78.56; 2, I Astapkovich (Belo) 78.52; 3, A Skvaruk (Ukr) 77.48; 4, E Sgrulletti (It) 77.38. Non qualifiers: D Smith (GB) 69.32; R Linscheid (Ire) 68.14.

Women's 100 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, M Ottey (Jam) 10.93sec; 2, G Torrence (US) 10.97; 3, M Trandenkova (Rus) 11.07; 4, Z Pintusevich (Ukr) 11.14. Heat two: 1, G Devers (US) 11.00; 2, M Onyali (Nigeria) 11.04; 3, N Voronova (Rus) 11.07; 4, C Sturrup (Bahamas) 11.07. Eliminated in second round: S Jacobs (GB) 11.47; M Richardson (GB) 11.55; S Douglas (GB) 11.75

FINAL: 1, G Devers (US) 10.94; 2, M Ottey (Jam) 10.94; 3, G Torrence (US) 10.96; 4, Sturrup 11.00; 5, Trandenkova 11.06; 6, Voronova 11.10; 7, Onyali 11.13; 8, Pintusevich 11.14

Women's 400 metres

SECOND ROUND (first four in each heat to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, C Freeman (Aus) 50.43sec; 2, G Breuer (Ger) 50.57; 3, N Graham (US) 50.98; 4, B Afolabi (Nigeria) 51.07; 7, D Fraser (GB) 51.58. Heat two: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 51.00; 2, P Davis (Bahamas) 51.08; 3, J Campbell (Jam) 51.17; 4, S Goncharenko (Rus) 51.35. Heat three: 1, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 50.65; 2, J Miles (US) 50.84; 3, S Richards (Jam) 51.22; 4, R Poetschka (Aus) 51.33. Heat four: 1, M Malone (US) 51.18; 2, F Yusuf (Nigeria) 51.27; 3, S Myers (Sp) 51.53; 4, M Frazer (Jam) 51.57; 6, P Smith (GB) 52.16

Women's 800 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, S Masterkova (Rus) 1min 57.95sec; 2, A Quirot (Cuba) 1:57.99; 3, K Holmes (GB) 1:58.49; 4, N Dukhnova (Belo) 1:58.67. Heat two: 1, M Mutola (Moz) 1:57.62; 2, Y Afanasyeva (Rus) 1:57.77; 3, P Djate-Taillard (Fr) 1:57.93; 4, T Hodgkinson (NZ) 1:58.25. Eliminated in heats: D Modahl (GB) did not finish

Women's 5,000 metres

HEATS (first four in each heat and three fastest losers to final): Fastest qualifiers: Heat one: 1, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 15min 15.80sec; 2, E Fidatov (Rom) 15:17.89; 3, L Jennings (US) 15:19.66; 4, A Weyermann (Switz) 15:19.91. Heat two: 1, R Brunet (It) 15:22.56; 3, P Radcliffe (GB) 15:23.90. Heat three: 1, P Konga (Ken) 15:07.01. Non-qualifiers: S McGeorge (GB) 16:01.92; A Wyeth (GB) 16:24.74

Women's 10,000 metres

HEATS (first eight in each heat and three fastest losers to final): Fastest qualifiers: Heat one: 1, G Wami (Eth) 32min 20.92sec; 6, C McKiernan (Ire) 32:32.10. Heat two: 1, D Tulu (Eth) 31:35.90; 2, S Barsosio (Ken) 31:36.00; 3, F Ribeiro (Por) 31:38.32; 4, M Chiba (Japan) 31:37.03

Women's javelin

FINAL: 1, H Rantanen (Fin) 67.94m; 2, L McPaul (Aus) 65.54; 3, T Hattestad (Nor) 64.98; 4, I Lopez (Cuba) 64.68; 5, X Rivero (Cuba) 64.48; 6, K Forkel (Ger) 64.18; 7, M Ingberg (Fin) 61.52; 8, Lei Li (China) 60.74. Non-qualifiers: T Sanderson (GB) 58.86; S Holroyd (GB) 54.72

Women's heptathlon

LEADERS AFTER FIRST DAY: 1, G Shouaa (Syria, 13.72sec, 1.86m, 15.95m, 23.85sec) 3,992pts; 2, U Wlodarczyk (Pol, 13.48, 1.86, 14.36, 24.27) 3,880; 3, N Sazanovich (Belo, 13.56, 1.80, 14.52, 23.72) 3,856; 4, S Braun (Ger) 3,782; 5, R Inancsi (Hun) 3,735; 6, D Lewis (GB) (13.45, 1.77, 13.92, 24.44) 3,727

Badminton

Men's doubles

SECOND ROUND: S Archer and C Hunt (GB) bt P Teerawiwatana and S Thongsari (Thai) 18-14, 15-11

Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: K Morgan (GB) bt Z Abdullah (Sing) 12-9, 8-11, 11-3

THIRD ROUND: M Audina (Indo) bt Morgan 11-2, 4-11, 12-9

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND: A Jorgensen and L Olsen (Den) bt J Bradbury and J Wright (GB) 15-4, 15-5

Mixed doubles

FIRST ROUND: N Ponting and J Wright (GB) bt M Keck and K Stechmann (Ger) 15-10, 18-14. N Flandy and R Riseu (Indo) bt S Archer and J Bradbury (GB) 15-5, 15-6

SECOND ROUND: Dong Moon Kim and Young Ah Gil (S Kor) bt Ponting and Wright 18-13, 15-1

Baseball

Round-robin

Nicaragua 13 Japan 6; Cuba 20 Italy 6; United States 15 Australia 5.

Boxing

Light-flyweight

SECOND ROUND: D Bojilov (Bul) bt N Munchyan (Arm) pts; S Kamsing (Thai) bt S Bornea (Rom) pts; O Kiryukhin (Ukr) bt B Mendoza (Col) pts; A Guardado (US) bt A Resoanalvo (Mad) pts; M Velasco (Phil) bt Y Aguilera (Cuba) pts; H Berhili (Mor) bt Yang Xiangzhong (China) pts; R Lozano (Sp) bt M Makepula (SA) pts; L Lapaini (Indo) bt J Martinez (Mex) pts

Featherweight

SECOND ROUND: R Paliani (Rus) bt T Ouzlian (Gr) pts; K Somluck (Thai) bt P Ndou (SA) pts; J Nagy (Hun) bt D Attah (Nigeria) pts; P Chacon (Arg) bt J Lebon (Maur) pts; S Todorov (Bul) bt R Peden (Aus) pts; F Huste (Ger) bt U Ibragimov (Uzb) pts; L Aragon (Cuba) bt R de Brito (Br); L Aragon (Cuba) bt R de Brito (Br) pts; F Mayweather (US) bt A Gevorgyan (Arm) pts

Lightweight

SECOND ROUND: M Strange (Can) bt M Ghazaryan (Arm) pts; T Tontchev (Bul) bt D Zimba (Zam); T Cauthen (US) bt T Ulumen (Mong) pts; V Phongsit (Thai) bt J Koneany (Cz) pts; Shin Eun-chul (S Kor) bt F Nievas (Arg) pts; H Soltana (Alg) bt A Nunez (Br) pts; L Doroftei (Rom) bt S Koperdon (Kyr) pts; K Gogoladze (Georgia) bt J G Valazarez (Cuba) pts

Light-middleweight

SECOND ROUND: R Cadeau (Sey) bt A Aryee (Ghana) pts; K Tulaganov (Uzb) bt Y Wolde (Eth) pts; M Salah Marmoun (Tun) bt J Johnson (Nor) pts; D Reid (US) bt P Polarovic (Cz) pts; M Meyer (Ger) bt G Mizsei (Hun) pts; E Ibraimov (Kaz) bt H Mavgurosong (Indo) rsc 2nd rnd; A Perugino (It) bt R Pettersson (Swe) pts; A Duvergel (Cuba) bt S Gorodnichov (Ukr) pts

Middleweight

SECOND ROUND: M Beyloroglu (Tur) bt Z Erdei (Hun) pts; T Borowski (Pol) bt H Mota (Japan) pts; B Magee (Ire) bt B Tetsua (Cam) pts; M Bahari (Alg) bt A Kakauridze (Georgia) pts; R Wells (US) bt R Rodriguez (Br) pts; D Yarbekov (Uzb) bt L Plachetka (Cz) decision; A Hernandez (Cuba) bt S Ottke (Ger) pts; A Lebziak (Rus) bt J Crawford (Aus) rsc 3rd rnd

Super-heavyweight

SECOND ROUND: A Lezin (Rus) bt M Jouchenko (Kaz) rsc 2nd rnd; V Klichko (Ukr) bt L Clay-Bey (US) pts; A Levin (Swe) bt J-F Bergeron (Can) rsc 1st rnd; R Monroe (Ger) bt S Ahmed Ahmed (Egypt) P Wickgram (Tonga) bt S Dahovich (Bela) pts; R Alcros (Cuba) bt P Vidoz (It) rsc 2nd rnd; D Dokiwari (Nigeria) bt S Khan (Pak) rsc 1 2nd rnd; A Mamedov (Azer) bt J Blocus (Fr) rsc 2nd rnd

Basketball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Lithuania 85 Angola 49; Argentina 75 Croatia 90; United States 133 China 70

POOL B: Australia 101 Puerto Rico 96; Greece 108 South Korea 86; Yugoslavia 101 Brazil 82

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Brazil 98 China 93; Russia 66 Canada 49; Italy 52 Japan 66

POOL B: South Korea 65 Zaire 71; Ukraine 87 Cuba 75; United States 96 Australia 79

Beach volleyball

Women

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: N Cook and K A Pottharst (Aus) bt B Fontana Harris and L Hanley (US) 12-11

FINAL: S Tavares and J Cruz (Br) bt M Rodrigues and A Ramos (Br) 12-11, 11-6

Canoeing

Men's Canadian singles

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, M Martikan (Slovakia) 151.03pts; 2, L Pollert (Cz) 151.17; 3, P Estanguet (Fr) 152.84; 4, G Marriott (GB) 155.83; 5, H Delamare (Fr) 155.98; 6, E Brugvin (Fr) 156.71; 10, M Corcoran (Ire) 162.90; 14, M Delaney (GB) 165.67; 25, S O'Flaherty (Ire) 188.65

Women's kayak singles

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, S Hilgertova (Cz) 169.49pts; 2, D Chladek (US) 169.43; 3, M Fer-Jorusalem (Fr) 171.00; 4, C Gra Fran (It) 171.84; 5, G Brockova (Slovakia) 172.57; 6, A Borel (Fr) 172.79; 18, R Crosbee (GB) 190.34; 23, L Simpson (GB) 211.71

Cycling

Men's sprint

QUARTER-FINALS: G Neiwand (Aus) bt E Pokorny (Ger) 2-0; C Harnett (Can) bt F Magne (Fr) 2-1; M Nothstein (US) bt D Hill (Aus) 2-0; J Fiedler (Ger) bt F Rousseau (Fr) 2-0

SEMI-FINALS: Fiedler bt Neiwand 2-0; Nothstein bt Harnett 2-0

Men's team pursuit

SEMI-FINALS: 1, France (C Capelle, P Ermenault, J-M Monin, F Moreau; 4min 06.880sec) bt Italy (A Capelli, M Trentini, A Collinelli, C Citton, 4:08.460). Russia (E Gritsun, N Kuznetsov, A Markov, A Chantyr; 4:06.885) bt Australia (B Aitken, B McGee, S O'Grady, D Woods 4:07.570). Australia win bronze medal

FINAL: France (4:05.930) bt Russia (4:07.730)

Women's sprint

RACE FOR BRONZE MEDAL: I Haringa (Hol) bt A Neumann (Ger) 2-1

FINAL: F Ballanger (Fr) bt M Ferris (Aus) 2-0

Women's individual pursuit

SEMI-FINALS: M Clignet (Fr, 3min 35.412sec) bt J Arndt (Ger, 3:38.744), A Bellutti (It, 3:34.404) bt Y McGregor (GB, 3:40.885). Arndt wins bronze medal

Diving

Women's 10-metre platform

FINAL: 1, Mingxia Fu (China) 521.58pts; 2, A Walter (Ger) 479.22; 3, M E Clark (US) 472.95; 4, B Ruehl (US) 456.19; 5, Jingming Guo (China) 447.21; 6, O Zhupyna (Ukr) 437.01; 7, I Vygouzova (Kaz) 432.60; 8, O Khristolorova (Rus) 426.12; 9, H Allen (GB) 418.11. Eliminated in semi-final: 18, L Ward (GB) 395.97

Equestrianism

Team dressage

POSITIONS AFTER FIRST DAY: 1, Germany 3,708pts; 2, Holland 3,544; 3, United States 3,509; 4, France 3,395; 5, Switzerland 3,231; 6, Sweden 3,215; 7, Spain 3,131; 8, Great Britain 3,045

Football

Men's quarter-finals

Portugal 2 France 1 (Portugal win on "golden goal" rule); Argentina 4 Spain 0

Handball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Sweden 22 Russia 20; Croatia 35 United States 27; Switzerland 33 Kuwait 16

POOL B: Egypt 24 Germany 22; France 37 Brazil 23; Spain 20 Algeria 14

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Hungary 29 China 19; Denmark 29 United States 19

POOL B: Norway 30 Angola 18; South Korea 33 Germany 20

Hockey

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Germany 3 Argentina 0; Pakistan 0 India 0; Spain 7 United States 1

POOL B: Australia 5 Malaysia 1; Great Britain 2 South Africa 0; Holland 3 South Korea 1

Women's round-robin

United States 1 Germany 1; Australia 1 Great Britain 0; South Korea 2 Spain 0; Holland 4 Argentina 1

Judo

Men's under 60kg

POOL A: First round: P Carvana (Port) bt E Bvatan (Cam). Second round: A Mendja (Alg) bt R Novacek (Cz); R Naveira (Sp) bt Chun Chang Luo (Taiwan); N Oyegin (Rus) bt M Ayed (Tun); T Nomura (Japan) bt L Gutierrez (Hond); D Narmandakh (Mong) bt M Mendez (P Rico); N Donohue (GB) bt Caravana; A Chorfi (Mor) bt R Bokyev (Taj); A Mukhtarov (Uzb) bt A Garcia (Br). Third round: Mendja bt Naveira; Nomura bt Oyegin; Narmandakh bt Donohue; Mukhtarov bt Idrissi

POOL B: First round: N Singh (India) bt S Sullivan (Ire). Second round: F Chombily (Fr) bt M Matuszek (Slovakia); G Giovinazzo (It) bt G Vazagashvili (Georgia); N Gusevnov (Azer) bt J Lencina (Arg); R Acuna (Mex) bt B Power (Aus); R Trautmann (Ger) bt C Sunada (US); N Bagrov (Belo) bt Singh; Kim Jong-won (S Kor) bt M Ramos (Cuba); P Kamrowski bt Z Kunyik (Hun). Third round: Giovinazzo bt Chombily; Acuna bt Gusevnov; Trautmann bt Bagrov; Kim Jong-won bt Kamrowski

QUARTER-FINALS: Nomura bt Mendja; Narmandakh bt Mukhtarov; Giovinazzo bt Acuna; Trautmann bt Kim Jong-won

SEMI-FINALS: Nomura bt Narmandakh; Giovinazzo bt Trautmann

BRONZE MEDAL BOUTS: D Narmandakh (Mong) bt Begrov; R Trautmann (Ger) bt Oyegin

FINAL: T Nomura (Japan) bt G Giovinazzo (It)

Women's under 48kg

POOL A: First round: Yu Shu-Chen (Taiwan) bt T Kalkman (Aus); S Souakri (Alg) bt H Senyurt (Tur); R Tamura (Japan) bt T Moskvina (Belo). Second round: H Wolf (US) bt Yu Shu-Chen; A Savon (Cuba) bt Souakri; G Tortora (It) bt G Alnyeva (Turkmenistan); Tamura bt D Maldonado (Hond)

POOL B: First round: S Nichilo (Fr) bt U Ayuso (China); T Meijer (Hol) bt N Kulagina (Kyr); Y Soler (Sp) bt C Lepage (Can). Second round: Nichilo bt P Ngoc (Viet); Sun Hye (N Kor) bt Meijer; M Roszkowska (Pol) bt J Perlberg (Ger); Soler bt J Heron (GB)

QUARTER-FINALS: Savon bt Wolf; Tamura bt Tortora; Sun Kyu bt Nichilo; Soler bt Roszkowska

SEMI-FINALS: Tamura bt Savon; Sun Kyu bt Soler

BRONZE MEDAL BOUTS: Y Soler (Sp) bt Souakri; A Savon (Cuba) bt Nichilo

FINAL: Sun Kyo (N Kor) bt R Tamura (Japan)

Shooting

Men's running target

FINAL: 1, Yang Ling (China) 685.8pts; 2, Xiao Jun (China) 679.8; 3, M Jansa (Cz) 678.4; 4, J Sako (Hun) 677.1; 5, D Lykino (Rus) 676.7; 6, K Holmberg (Fin) 672.4; 7, J Zimmermann (Ger) 672.2; 8, A Sott (Guam) 667.0

Men's skeet

FINAL: 1, E Falco (It) 149pts; 2, M Rzerkowski (Pol) 148; 3, A Benelli (It) 147; 4, O Rasmussen (Den) 147; 5, N Teply (Rus) 146; 6, B Tarolekov (Lat) 145

Men's 50-metre free rifle Three positions

FINAL: 1, J P Amat (Fr) 1,273.9pts; 2, S Belyaev (Kaz) 1,272.3; 3, W Waibel (Austria) 1,269.6; 4, G Maksimovic (Yug) 1,268.8; 5, J Gonci (Slovakia) 1,267.7; 6, R Horberson (US) 1,267.7; 7, V Brovar (Cz) 1,264.0; 8, S Murtvnov (Belo) 1,263.9

Women's 25-metre sport pistol

FINAL: 1, Li Duihong (China) 687.9; 2, D Yorgova (Bul) 684.8; 3, M Logvinenko (Rus) 684.2; 4, Boo Soon-hee (S Kor) 683.9; 5, G Otryad (Mong) 681.3; 6, J Sekaric (Yug) 680.4; 7, N Salukvadze (Georgia) 677.6; 8, J Macur (Pol) 677.4

Rowing

Men's single sculls

FINAL: 1, X Mueller (Switz) 6min 44.85sec; 2, D Porter (Can) 6:47.45; 3, T Lange (Ger) 6:47.72; 4, I Cop (Slovenia) 6:51.71; 5, V Chalupa (Cz) 6:55.65; 6, F Bekken (Nor) 6:59.51

Men's double sculls

FINAL: 1, Italy (D Tizzano and A Abbagnale) 6:16.98; 2, Norway (K Undset and S Stoerseth) 6:18.42; 3, France (F Kowal and S Barathay) 6:19.85; 4, Denmark 6:24.77; 5, Austria 6:25.17; 6, Germany 6:29.32

Men's coxless pairs

FINAL: 1, Great Britain (S Redgrave and M Pinsent) 6:20.09; 2, Australia (D Weightman and R Scott) 6:21.02; 3, France (M Andrieux and J-C Rolland) 6:22.15; 4, Italy 6:28.61; 5, New Zealand 6:29.24; 6, Croatia 6:30.48

Men's coxless fours

FINAL: 1, Australia (D Ginn, J Tomkins, N Green, M McKay) 6:06.37; 2, France (G Bosquet, D Fauche, B Vecten, O Moncelet) 6:07.03; 3, Great Britain (R Obholzer, J Searle, G Searle, T Foster) 6:07.28; 4, Slovenia 6:07.87; 5, Romania 6:08.97; 6, Italy 6:10.60

Women's single sculls

FINAL: 1, Y Khodotovich (Belo) 7:32.21; 2, S Laumann (Can) 7:35.15; 3, T Hansen (Den) 7:37.20; 4, M Brandin (Swe) 7:42.58; 5, G Batten (GB) 7:45.08; 6, R Dawdon (US) 7:46.47

Women's double sculls

FINAL: 1, Canada (M McBean and K Heddle) 6:56.84; 2, China (M Cao and X Zhang) 6:58.35; 3, Holland (I Eijs and E van Nes) 6:58.72; 4, Australia 7:01.26; 5, Germany 7:04.14; 6, New Zealand 7:09.92

Women's coxless pairs

FINAL: 1, Australia (M Still, K Slatter) 7:01.39; 2, United States (M Schwen, K Kraft) 7:01.78; 3, France (C Gosse, H Cortin) 7:03.82; 4, Germany, 7:08.49; 5, Canada, 7:12.27; 6, Russia 7:19.56

Softball

Round-robin

Puerto Rico 1 Japan 8; Australia 2 United States 1; Holland 1 Canada 4; Taiwan 0 China 1; Canada 2 Australia 5; Puerto Rico 0 Holland 2; Japan 5 Taiwan 1; United States 3 China 2

Swimming

Men's 1,500m freestyle

FINAL: 1, K Perkins (Aus) 14min 56.40sec; 2, D Kowalski (Aus) 15:02.43; 3, G Smith (GB) 15:02.48; 4, E Brembilla (It) 15:08.58; 5, R Neethling (SA) 15:14.63; 6, M Hirano (Japan) 15:17.28; 7, J Hoffmann (Ger) 15:18.86; 8, A Akatyev (Rus) 15:21.68

Men's 200m backstroke

FINAL: 1, B Bridgewater (US) 1min 58.54sec; 2, T Schwenk (US) 1:58.99; 3, E Merisi (It) 1:59.18; 4, B Sikora (Pol) 2:00.05; 5, H Itoi (Japan) 2:00.10; 6, M Lopez-Zubero (Sp) 2:00.74; 7, M Mazzari (It) 2:01.27; 8, R F Cabrera (Cuba) 2:08.14

Men's 4 x 100m medley relay

FINAL: 1, United States (J Rouse, J Linn, M Henderson, G Hall) 3min 34.84sec (world record); 2, Russia (V Selkov, S Lopukhov, D Pankratov, A Popov) 3:37.55 (European record); 3, Australia (S Dewick, P Rogers, S Miller, M Klim) 3:39.56 (Commonwealth record); 4, Germany 3:39.64; 5, Japan 3:40.51; 6, Hungary 3:40.84; 7, Poland 3:41.94; 8, Israel 3:42.90

Women's 50m freestyle

FINAL: 1, A van Dyken (US) 24.87sec; 2, Jingyi Le (China) 24.90; 3, S Volker (Ger) 25.14; 4, A Martino (US) 25.31; 5, L Martindale (Barb) 25.48; 6, L Olofsson (Swe) 25.63; 7, Ying Shan (China) 25.70; 8, N Meshcheryakova (Rus) 25.88

Women's 200m butterfly

FINAL: 1, S O'Neill (Aus) 2min 07.76sec; 2, P Thomas (Aus) 2:09.82; 3, M Smith (Ire) 2:09.91; 4, Yun Qu (China) 2:10.26; 5, Limin Liu (China) 2:10.70; 6, J Deakin (Can) 2:11.40; 7, M Haruna (Japan) 2:11.93; 8, T Jackson (US) 2:11.96

Table tennis

Men's singles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: C Prean (GB) bt S Hylton (Jam) 21-8, 21-7. V Samsonov (Belo) bt Prean 21-8, 21-7. Xinhua Chen (GB) bt D Zhuang (US) 21-19, 14-21, 21-18. J Huang (Can) bt Xinhua Chen 21-14, 21-12.

Men's doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: Lin Lu and Tao Wang (China) bt Hoo-Chan Kang and Taek-Soo Kim (S Kor) 21-12, 18-21, 18-21, 21-12, 21-12; Wei Liu and Yunping Qiao (China) bt Hae-jung Park and Ji-hae Ryu (S Kor) 21-13, 16-21, 21-20, 21-11; S Fetzner and J Rosskopf (Ger) bt D Elol and J-P Gatien (Fr) 21-12, 21-17, 21-10

Women's singles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Pool A: L Lomas (GB) bt N Kyakobyo (Uga) 21-8, 21-9

Women's doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: Yaping Deng and Hong Qiao (China) bt Moo-kyo Kim and Kyoung-ae Park (S Kor) 21-15, 19-21, 21-15, 21-19; Shui-seung Loo and Nam-kyu Yoo (S Kor) bt J Persson and J-O Waldner (Swe) 21-18, 21-16, 21-17; Linghui Kong and Guoliang Liu (China) bt K Matsushita and H Shibutani (Japan) 21-15, 21-19, 21-15

Tennis

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: M Washington (US) bt O Ogorodov (Uzb) 6-3, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt W Black (Zim) 6-4, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; C Ruud (Nor) bt M Ondruska (SA) 7-6, 7-6; G Rusedski (GB) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; F Meligeni (Br) bt A Costa (Sp) 7-6, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (Rus) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-2, 7-6; F Carlsen (Den) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

W Ferreira (SA) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; R Furlan (It) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-0, 4-2 ret; A Agassi (US) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; L Paes (India) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5, 7-6

Men's doubles

FIRST ROUND: M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger) bt A Gaudenzi and D Nargiso (It) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6; M Bhupathi and L Paes (India) bt P Bing and Xu Jia Ping (China) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; E Ferreira and W Ferreira (SA) bt G Koves and L Markovits (Hun) 6-4, 6-1; T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Boetsch and G Raoux (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; B Black and W Black (Zim) bt Lee Hyung-taik and Yoon Yong-il 6-4, 6-2; G Connell and D Nestor (Can) bt S Barron and O Casey (Ire) 6-4, 6-4; N Broad and T Henman (GB) bt J Krošlak and K Kučera (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-3; J Carlos Bianchi and N Pereira (Ven) bt S Iwabuchi and T Suzuki (Japan) 6-4, 6-7, 8-6; A Agassi and M Washington (US) bt A Hernandez and O Ortiz (Mex) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4

SECOND ROUND: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Hol) bt C N Goran and C N Goran (N C) 6-4, 6-4; J Novak and D Vacek (Cz) bt P Campana and N Lapentti (Ecu) 7-5, 6-4; Goellner and Prinosil bt Black and Black 6-4, 7-6; S Bruguera and T Carbonell (Sp) bt S Iwabuchi and T Suzuki (Japan) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5; S Hirszon and G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Knowles and R Smith (Bahamas) 7-6, 6-3

Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: C Martinez (Sp) bt F Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-4; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; I Majoli (Cro) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 7-5, 6-3; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt L Courtois (Bel) 7-5, 6-2; A Huber (Ger) bt M Sweardt (SA) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; N Zvereva (Belo) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; M J Fernandez (US) bt Wang Shi-Ting (China) 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-2, 6-2

THIRD ROUND: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-4, 7-6; M Seles (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 6-3, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-3, 6-4

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND: J Novotna and H Sukova (Cz) bt A Kournikova and E Maniokova (Rus) 6-2, 6-2; J Hetherington and P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt K Nagatsuka and A Sugiyama (Japan) 7-6, 6-1; B Sangaram and T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt C Papadaki and C Zachariadou (Gr) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; V Csurgo and A Temesvari (Hun) bt P Cabezas and B Castro (Chile) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; V Lake and C Wood (GB) bt K Maleeva and M Maleeva (Bul) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; S Appelmans and L Courtois (Bel) bt G Sabatini and P Tarabini (Arg) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; I Majoli and M Muric (Cro) bt S Farina and L Golarsa (It) 7-6, 4-6, 9-7; C Martinez and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt D and N Randriantefy (Mad) 6-1, 6-3

SECOND ROUND: G Fernandez and M J Fernandez (US) bt M Pierce and N Tauziat (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; Hetherington and Hy Boulais bt O Barabanschikova and N Zvereva (Belo) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; Lake and Wood bt A Coetzer and M Sweardt (SA) 7-5, 7-5; Martinez and Sanchez Vicario bt Majoli and Muric 6-2, 6-1

Volleyball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Cuba bt Argentina 15-10, 15-12, 15-9; Bulgaria bt Poland 15-4, 15-10, 15-7; Brazil bt United States 15-11, 15-11, 15-7

POOL B: Italy bt Russia 15-11, 15-6, 15-12; Holland bt Yugoslavia 15-7, 15-6, 15-9; South Korea bt Tunisia 15-4, 15-6, 15-6

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Holland bt South Korea 15-11, 15-12, 7-15, 15-8; China bt Ukraine 15-4, 15-4, 15-6; United States bt Japan 15-11, 15-7, 15-12

POOL B: Russia bt Peru 15-11, 15-5, 15-1; Cuba bt Germany 15-6, 15-8, 15-4; Brazil bt Canada 15-6, 15-6, 15-11

Water polo

CLASSIFICATION MATCHES 9th-12th places: Ukraine 4 Germany 10; Holland 10 Romania 8; Germany 9 Holland 6; Romania 11 Ukraine 8. 5th-8th places: Greece 7 United States 6; Russia 16 Yugoslavia 15

QUARTER-FINALS: Hungary 12 Greece 9; Croatia 8 Yugoslavia 6; Spain 5 United States 4; Italy 11 Russia 9

SEMI-FINALS: Croatia 7 Italy 6; Spain 7 Hungary 6

Weightlifting

Under 83kg

1, P Dimas (Gr, snatch 180.0kg, clean and jerk 212.5) 392.5 (world record); 2, M Huster (Ger 170.0, 212.5) 382.5; 3, A Cofalik (Pol 170.0, 202.5) 372.5; 4, K Kounev (Aus) 170.0, 200.0) 370.0; 5, V Vacarnuc (Mold) 165.0, 202.5) 367.5; 6, S Grakhosyan (Arm) 170.0, 195.0) 365.0; 12, A Arthur (GB) 147.5, 180.0) 327.5

Under 91kg

1, A Petrov (Rus, snatch 187.5kg, clean and jerk 215.0) 402.5; 2, L Kokas (Gr 175.0, 215.0) 390.0; 3, O Caruso (Ger 175.0, 215.0) 390.0; 4, S Bulut (Tur 177.5, 212.5) 390.0; 5, I Alekseev (Rus 182.5, 205.0) 387.5; 6, C Hernandez (Cuba 175.0, 207.5) 382.5; 7, O Chumak (Ukr 167.5, 212.5) 380.0; 8, P Bratoychev (Bul, 175.0, 205.0) 380.0; 9, J Luna (Ven 165.0, 210.0) 375.0; 10, M Tesovic (Slovakia 162.5, 210.0) 372.5; 11, M Maslany (Pol 165.0, 205.0) 370.0

Yachting

Men's 470

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER SIX RACES: 1, Ukraine 13pts; 2, Russia 24; 3, Portugal 34; 5, Great Britain (J Merricks, I Walker) 42

Men's Finn

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER EIGHT RACES: 1, M Kusznierewicz (Pol) 31; 2, H Spitzauer (Austria) 42; 3, S Godefroid (Bel) 53; 15, R Stenhouse (GB) 84; 22, J Driscoll (Ire) 122

Star

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER EIGHT RACES: 1, Australia 23; 2, Brazil 24; 3, Sweden 28; 10, Great Britain (G Charles, G Swoddart) 56; 12, Ireland (D Burrows, M Mansfield) 90

Soling

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER SEVEN RACES: 1, United States 25; 2, Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Parvin, A Beaver) 26; 3, Germany 26; 12, Ireland (G Connolly, D O'Grady, M King) 62

Tornado

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER SIX RACES: 1, Spain 15; 2, Austria 19; 3, France 22; 10, Great Britain (D Williams, I Prosser) 41

Women's Mistral

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER SEVEN RACES: 1, Lai Shan Lee (HK) 15; 2, B Kendall (NZ) 22; 3, J Hergon (Nor) 27; 4, P Wilson (GB) 30

Women's 470

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FIVE RACES: 1, United States 9; 2, Spain 16; 3, Japan 17; Great Britain (S Carr, B Ruggall) 27; Ireland (L Coll, D Lyttle) 44

Women's Europe

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER EIGHT RACES: 1, K Roug (Den) 12; 2, M M Pfeijster (Hol) 21; 3, C Becker-Dey (US) 31; 4, S Robertson (GB) 40; 5, A Bergman (Ire) 65

CRICKET: ENGLAND SECOND-WICKET PAIR HOLD BOWLERS AT BAY AS PAKISTAN PRESS FOR VICTORY AFTER DOMINATING LORD'S TEST

Atherton summons spirit of Johannesburg

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LORD'S (fourth day of five): England, with nine second-innings wickets standing, need 334 runs to beat Pakistan

BY LUNCHTIME at Lord's yesterday, all logical chance of England winning the first Cornhill Test had gone. Long before tea, they were intent on any legitimate means of postponing their date with the most volatile attack in the world but Pakistan, refusing to procrastinate, left themselves four sessions of bowling with a luxurious cushion of 407 runs.

That the first of the sessions produced only one wicket was down in equal measure to the resolve of Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart and to some notable English fortune. With Mushtaq Ahmed now turning the ball generously it is certainly no forlorn prospect that Pakistan might take the remaining nine today.

If England are to survive, in a game they have been chasing ever since losing the toss, Atherton may have to relive his Johannesburg heroics of late last year. Already, Pakistan will feel aggrieved that he is still batting, for on a torrid evening he was twice within a

Stewart: assertive

coat of varnish of being bowled by Waqar and was dropped by Rashid Latif off a thin leg glance against Ata-ur-Rehman's first ball.

Time and again, however, Atherton has shown his temperament immune to such brinkmanship. He positively relishes the tension of a scrap against the odds, just as he thrives on the caustic atmosphere that will often be created. He strode down the pitch yesterday to protest about the verbal offerings of Moin Khan, one of three Pakistan substitutes, but as umpire Bucknor issued a rebuke to the fielder, Atherton wore the quiet smile of one enjoying the psychological byplay.

He had not greatly enjoyed the balance of the day or, indeed, the weekend. It began to turn sour for England 20 minutes before lunch on Saturday with the dismissal of Graham Thorpe for an accomplished but somehow infuriating 77. It speaks highly of Thorpe's stature in the side that most people, if asked in advance to nominate his score, would offer a figure very adjacent to 77. The frustration arises because Thorpe is so obviously capable of substantially more. He has passed 50 in Test cricket 19 times now, better than once every three innings, but he has only twice gone on to make a hundred.

If anything was more predictable than Thorpe's contribution, it was the destiny of the England first innings once he had gone. From 260 for five, and the contemplation of a first-innings lead, the last five wickets were lost for 25, reiterating that the decisive difference between these sides may be the ability of Pakistan's attack to dispose of inferior batting at will.

The middle four sessions of the weekend's cricket were, for English tastes, an inedible filling. This is an exploratory England attack and it would be unfair to condemn any of its individual components but, as a unit, operating on a slow and unco-operative pitch, it was conspicuously lacking in bite.

Only in the final half-hour on Saturday evening, when they lost three quick wickets after turning down the opportunity to go off for poor light, were Pakistan remotely inconvenienced. There may have been another reason for that cluster of wickets for, not long beforehand, England had successfully requested a change of ball. For a short time, the behaviour of the replacement was far more to the bowlers' liking.

This has been a curious match for balls. In all four innings, the ball used has gone out of shape and needed changing. Yesterday, when England began batting again, Pakistan asked for a different ball after only two overs and received one after three. This not only breaks up the flow of cricket but poses certain questions, that the authorities would be entitled to ask the relevant companies, about manufacturing standards.

For four hours yesterday, however, England found little in the ball or the pitch to console them as Pakistan added 190 runs and lost only two further wickets. It sounds serene and yet in Dominic Cork's opening over of the morning Inzamam was fortunate not to be adjudged leg-before and then unconvincingly stabbed a checked drive just short of mid-off. Atherton made early use of Salisbury, as he has done through the game, and saw him produce prodigious turn in his first over, again for no reward.

Soon, the portents had settled in favour of the batsmen and Atherton fell back on defensive fields and containing bowling. He had little option. When the new ball was taken and Cork's first bouncer failed to carry to the wicketkeeper, the bowlers really knew where they stood.

Ijaz, having atoned for his humiliating first-day lapse, eventually fell to another dubious leg-before decision and Inzamam, his match aggregate increased to 218 despite batting on one sound leg, flogged the willing Cork to mid-off. Wasim now launched into a pre-declaration thrash and found his major obstacle to be the number of times Mullally stopped play to attend to his bootlaces. Finally, as a statement of frustration, Wasim declared after two balls of the last over before tea.

England have only exceeded 400 in the fourth innings of a Test on three occasions and this is most unlikely to be the fourth. Waqar, breathing fire, almost bowled Atherton with his first ball and won another leg-before verdict, this one uncontroversial, as Knight went back to him in the sixth over. In the twelfth, both Stewart and Atherton got just enough bat on swinging yorkers to keep them out.

Stewart has played assertively and is only four short of a third half-century in five innings since his recall. Atherton, thus far, has managed only 12 in their stand of 60 and did not score from his last 37 balls. He will not mind that. He has been here and done this before. Today, he needs to do it all again.

IAN STEWART

Atherton was mightily relieved not to hear the death rattle after playing and missing at this express delivery from Waqar during the tense evening session

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

PAKISTAN: First Innings 340 (Inzamam-ul-Haq 148, Saeed Anwar 74)

Second Innings

Saeed Anwar c Russell b Mullally .. 88 (198min, 144 balls, 1 six, 8 fours)
Shadab Kabir c Russell b Cork .. 33 (203min, 151 balls, 5 fours)
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Cork ..... 76 (184min, 126 balls, 1 six, 9 fours)
Mushtaq Ahmed c Thorpe b Brown .. 5 (21min, 11 balls, 1 four)
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Ealham b Cork .. 70 (190min, 148 balls, 9 fours)
Salim Malik not out ..... 27 (85min, 58 balls, 3 fours)
*Wasim Akram not out ..... 34 (61min, 43 balls, 6 fours)
Extras (b 4, lb 14, nb 1) 19
Total (5 dec, 113.2 overs, 479min) 352

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-136 (Shadab 33), 2-136 (Ijaz 0), 3-161 (Ijaz 19), 4-279 (Inzamam 59), 5-308 (Salim 17)

BOWLING: Cork 24-4-86-3 (nb 1; 13 fours; 4-0-16-0, 6-2-17-1, 4-1-16-0, 10-1-37-2); Brown 16-2-60-1 (7 fours; 4-0-20-0, 3-2-4-1, 9-0-36-0); Salisbury 20-4-63-0 (2 sixes, 6 fours; 7-1-17-0, 3-1-7-0, 7-2-24-0, 3-0-15-0); Mullally 30.2-9-70-1 (9 fours; 6-3-13-0, 8-1-21-1, 8-4-19-0, 8.2-1-17-0); Hick 7-2-16-0 (2 fours; one spell), Ealham 16-4-39-0 (4 fours; 9-2-16-0, 3-2-1-0, 2-0-10-0, 2-0-12-0).

SCORING NOTES: Third day: Tea: 78-0 (22 overs, 88min; Saeed 51, Shadab 14). Close: 162-3 (57 overs, 239min; Ijaz 20, Inzamam 0). Fourth day: Lunch: 252-3 (87 overs, 361min; Ijaz 62, Inzamam 47). Second new ball: 252-3 (87 overs) at 1.40pm. Tea taken at declaration.

ENGLAND: First Innings

N V Knight lbw b Waqar ..... 51 (139min, 107 balls, 7 fours)
*M A Atherton lbw b Wasim .. .. 12 (21min, 8 balls, 2 fours)
A J Stewart lbw b Mushtaq ..... 39 (122min, 102 balls, 6 fours)
G P Thorpe b Ata-ur-Rehman .... 77 (240min, 167 balls, 8 fours)
G A Hick b Waqar ..... 4 (20min, 20 balls)
M A Ealham c Rashid b Ata-ur-Rehman ..... 25 (81min, 79 balls, 3 fours)
†R C Russell not out ..... 41 (172min, 110 balls, 5 fours)
D G Cork c Saeed b Ata-ur-Rehman. 3 (8min, 4 balls)
I D K Salisbury lbw b Waqar ..... 5 (5min, 5 balls, 1 four)
A D Mullally b Waqar ..... 0 (2min, 2 balls)
S J E Brown b Ata-ur-Rehman .... 1 (22min, 17 balls)
Extras (b 9, lb 13, w 1, nb 4) 27
Total (102.4 overs, 421min) 285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27 (Knight 14), 2-107 (Stewart 39), 3-107 (Thorpe 0), 4-116 (Thorpe 4), 5-180 (Thorpe 31), 6-260 (Russell 26), 7-264 (Russell 27), 8-269 (Russell 27), 9-269 (Russell 27).

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22-4-49-1 (nb 1; 4 fours; 11-3-25-1, 5-1-9-0, 6-0-15-0); Waqar Younis 24-6-69-4 (nb 1; 8 fours; 3-1-19-0, 8-1-20-2, 7-3-12-0, 6-1-18-2); Mushtaq Ahmed 38-5-92-1 (9 fours; 6-1-17-0, 18-2-43-1, 14-2-32-0); Ata-ur-Rehman 15.4-3-50-4 (nb 3, w 1; 9 fours; 7-1-20-0, 3-0-13-1, 5.4-2-17-3); Aamir Sohail 3-1-3-0 (one spell)

SCORING NOTES: Third day: Lunch: 269-9 (97 3 overs, 399min; Russell 27).

Second Innings

N V Knight lbw b Waqar ..... 1 (27min, 19 balls)
*M A Atherton not out ..... 24 (140min, 100 balls, 3 fours)
A J Stewart not out ..... 46 (112min, 86 balls, 4 fours)
Extras (lb 2, nb 1) 3
Total (1 wkt, 34 overs, 140min) 74

FALL OF WICKET: 1-14 (Atherton 12).

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-4-12-0 (nb 1; 1 four; 6-3-8-0, 4-1-4-0); Waqar Younis 7-1-25-1 (2 fours; one spell); Mushtaq Ahmed 10-4-16-0 (2 fours; one spell); Ata-ur-Rehman 6-2-18-0 (2 fours; one spell); Salim Malik 1-0-1-0

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey. Third umpire: J W Holder.

Match referee: P L van der Merwe

TESTS TO COME: Second (Headingley): August 8 to 12 Third (The Oval). August 22 to 26.

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Empty seats suggest game has yet to pass Sunday test

SIMON WILDE

At Lord's

THIS is a bad Test match for those who want to keep politics out of sport. These past few days. Lord's cricket ground has been a meeting place for those who run — or aspire to run — the democracies of England and Pakistan, rather than a stadium in which ordinary citizens spectate. They, for various reasons, stayed away in large numbers yesterday, the attendance being 13,000 below the ground's 28,500 capacity.

John Major has virtually taken up residence, Imran Khan was reportedly sighted early on Friday before nipping off to attend to unfinished business in the High Court and the noisiest contingent yesterday was a group of 50 members of the Mohajir Quami Movement, which — like Imran — claims to speak for the unrepresented majority of Pakistan's people and stands opposed to Benazir Bhutto's government.

When England played a World Cup match in Karachi earlier this year, it was thought that the MQM might try to disrupt the match. It did not but — as Tariq Meer, MQM's organiser in the United Kingdom, explained — the movement is prevented by the Pakistan government from staging meetings, or even assembling, at home. Yesterday, the supporters spent the day chanting political slogans from the top of the Edrich Stand.

"Members of MQM are present wherever Pakistan sports teams play in the world," Meer said. "Whenever Pakistan play a Test match, we will be there. There is a group of our supporters in Atlanta now, following the hockey team.

"The idea is to show support for the oppressed members of the movement in Pakistan, where 15,000 of them have been killed in the last four years and 1,500 languish in jail in terrible conditions. We hope they will see us on television and realise they are not forgotten."

All the MQM supporters wore T-shirts sporting the face of the movement's leader, Altaf Hussain, who lives in exile in London, to maximise the photo opportunities. They cheered wildly whenever the ball came within camera-shot and, when England started batting, a member ran on to the field and shook the hands of some Pakistan fielders before being marched away, the Lord's authorities being pretty sharp on riotous assemblies themselves.

Several members of the Pakistan team support the aims of the MQM, mainly those who come from the urban areas of Karachi, where its backing is strongest. Perhaps Moin Khan (cricket club: Karachi Whites) was telling Michael Atherton about the cause when he engaged the England captain in conversation from the intimacy of silly mid-off late in the day.

The absence of a full house may have enhanced the MQM's message to the boys back home but it was a disappointment to the men in the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) counting house. Here was yet another instance of the lowest attendance of the first four days of a home Test match occurring on the Sunday, and the most extreme case this summer.

Tim Lamb, the TCCB's cricket secretary, who is largely responsible for the way matches are scheduled in England, remains convinced that Test cricket on Sunday pays its way and feels that the attendance figures have more to do with fourth days than Sundays.

"It is true there have been some 'low' Sunday crowds this summer," Lamb said yesterday, "but that is partly a reflection of Edgbaston's inability over the past two summers to stage a match that went properly into the fourth day.

"That failure has dented the scope to pre-sell Sundays. But we constantly keep the situation under review and, if we thought we could do better having a rest day on the Sunday and playing on Tuesday, we would do so."

Chris Rea, of MCC, attributed the empty seats — many of which were located in the members' areas — to this being the second Lord's Test of the summer, to it being staged during the holiday period and to rival sporting events on television.

Then again, perhaps the absentees have just seen England lose too many Test matches before, in which case they may be wise to stay away today. However, you will not get rid of the MQM, who really are experts at downtrodden causes, that easily.

Game enhanced by subtleties of swing

John Woodcock recalls left-arm swerve bowlers he has known who provided a difficult challenge for even the best of players

THE first Test between England and Pakistan has had more to do with the theory and practice of swing bowling than most, especially of the left-arm variety. The best left-armer of this type in my time was the Australian all-rounder, Alan Davidson, now the long-standing and genial president of the New South Wales Cricket Association. Close behind him come Gary Sobers and Wasim Akram, and common to all these is an athleticism to grace an Olympic track.

At Lord's, Wasim has resembled the other two in that he has bowled within himself, reserving his fiercest speed for occasional moments. Of this mighty trio, Davidson was probably capable of the fastest ball, but more of a problem than that for the batsman were his full length and unpredictable swing.

In Australia, in 1962-63, it was David Sheppard's lot to open the England innings against Davidson, and he said that what made it so harrowing was the fear of leaving balls alone which turned, suddenly, into late and vicious inswingers, homing in on the off stump. There were times when even Davidson, himself, was surprised that something he expected to move away from the right-handed batsman took it upon itself to veer the other way. Besides filling Melbourne's Anglican cathedral on that MCC tour, when he preached at evensong there, Sheppard steered England to victory with a Test hundred barely a mile up the road, having first kept Davidson at bay. As a sportsman's double, that surely will always be unique.

At a very much gentler pace, but also with left-arm swing, the unsung Indian, E. K. Solkar, so troubled Geoffrey Boycott in England in 1974 that our most prolific batsman had to be dropped from the Test side. Four times in five innings Solkar had diddled him out — for 14, 12, one and six. It is fair to say, I think, that 19 right-handed batsmen out of 20 would rather not start an innings against a good left-arm swinger of the ball, so that in its way, the presence of both Mullally and Brown in this England eleven was not unpromising.

We are so desperately pushed to bowl any side out twice, let alone the strongest of our opponents, that here, perhaps, was a means of deliverance. In the event, Mullally and Brown have been plainer than was hoped. Both have found the inswinger to be elusive, even when the humidity has been high. Mullally's control has been useful, though, and Brown can hardly be the leading wicket-taker in the country without being worth another outing. He may not have the wonderful litheness of Davidson, Sobers and Wasim, but he has the look of a games player and that is in his favour.

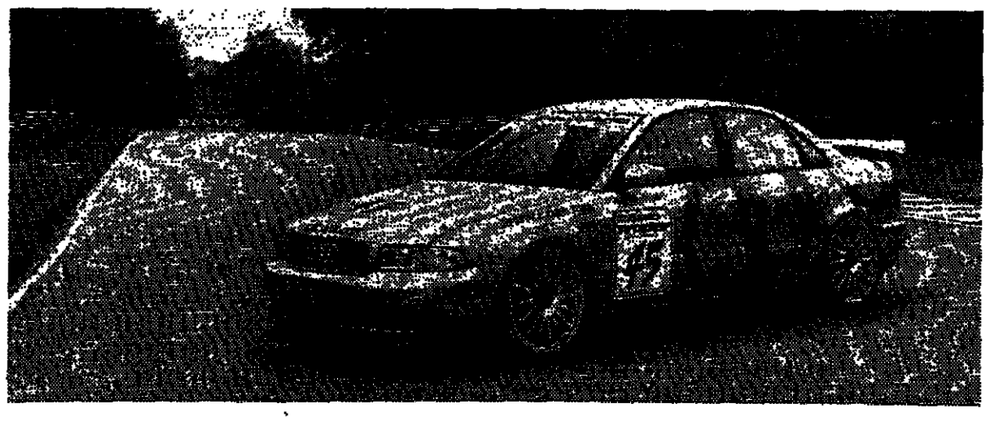
The days are over, I am afraid, when Englishmen were in a class of their own as workers of the ball at medium pace, and nothing has had more to do with this than limited-overs cricket, in which containment is all, and the covering of pitches at the insistence of uncomprehending working parties. Between them, India and Pakistan have put into the field this summer five new ball or first-change bowlers arguably better than any of England's, and that would have been unthinkable until natural pitches were done away with and the English game was purposely stereotyped.

Now that they have developed a seemingly acceptable way of generating late reverse swing with an ageing ball — rather than scouring one side they tilt it, as it were, by basting the other side with sweat and spittle — Pakistan have managed not only to close the gap between their own fast bowlers and England's, they have gained a telling advantage. The only Englishman to have shown anything like the same aptitude for it as Waqar is Darren Gough: partly because he too is quicker than most of the others; and he, unfortunately, has mislaid the golden touch that catapulted him to fame.

On harmless pitches, most games of cricket today are too heavily weighted in the batsman's favour, just as they were in the 1930s for example, when the idea of a fourth stump was given serious consideration and for a season or two batsmen could be given out leg-before even when they snicked the ball. The "snick" rule it was called.

Now, necessity being the mother of invention, the Pakistanis have come up with reverse swing.

When this and their many other talents are allied to the discipline they have so far shown at Lord's, they are quite a handful.



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CRICKET

Late blow not enough for game Silverwood

By Pat Gibson

SCARBOROUGH (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Yorkshire by two runs

IT WAS easy to see why North Marine Road has escaped the axe which has fallen on all the other Yorkshire grounds outside Headingley. They were queuing from breakfast time and when the gates were opened three and a half hours before the start, nearly 7,000 spectators poured through in the hope of seeing Yorkshire maintain their challenge for the AXA Equity & Law League title.

They were to be disappointed. Somerset, who had put Yorkshire's position as championship leaders in some jeopardy by beating them by 197 runs in the four-day match, dealt them another damaging blow by ending their run of four successive Sunday victories.

They had still not broken their spirit, however. Yorkshire had been set to score 233 to win and although they never really looked as though they were going to make it, they eventually got within three runs of their target when Silverwood defiantly slogged the last, meaningless, ball of the match for six.

It was the specialist batsmen who had let them down. Moxon was caught and bowled in Rose's second over and after Vaughan and Bevan had got them moving by putting on 63 in 12 overs they began to lose their way.

Rose completed a demanding eight-over spell by having Vaughan caught in the gully and when Trump came on with his offspin, Bevan — helmet discarded and full of confidence — cut at his first ball which bounced and had him caught behind.

Byas roused his home crowd, which had been strangely subdued apart from the raucous shouts of those who were primarily there for the beer, by sweeping Trump for six and glancing Lee for four, but when he swept against the spin again he was leg-before.

Then poor McGrath, the great new hope of Yorkshire batting who had suffered the misery of two first ball dismissals — "a king pair" — in the championship match, went to glance Hayhurst's second ball and was leg-before for one. He will probably not be going back to Scarborough for his holidays at the end of the season.

It was then that Yorkshire showed their pluck. First White and then Gough gave the crowd something to shout about and even after a leaping Caddick, all 6ft 6in of him, had caught Gough on the long-off boundary, Blakey and Hartley kept up the chase with 44 in six overs.

Caddick was to have the final word. Blakey had made 49 off 50 balls, hitting a six and two fours, when Caddick, a difficult proposition at the best of times but more so now in poor light and drizzling rain, bowled him. It was too much to expect Hartley and Silverwood to score 17 off the last seven balls but at least they went down fighting.

Somerset's score of 232 for five had been built around three half-centuries of steadily increasing momentum by Bowler, Harden and Lee. Bowler set the pace with 53 off 74 balls, including six fours. Harden stepped it up with 57 off 60 balls including eight fours, and Lee, whose batting had demoralised Yorkshire in the championship game, threatened to repeat the treatment with 52 off 48 balls including a six and five fours.

It was the enduring Peter Hartley, who had already checked Somerset's progress with two wickets in four balls in his first over, who stopped Lee's gallop by having him caught at point and the crowd showed its gratitude with a collection of £1,240 for his benefit fund.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Helen Plimmer cuts the ball away during her unbeaten 66 which helped Yorkshire reach 238 for three against West Midlands in the Women's Cricket Association senior area championships at Downing College, Cambridge, yesterday (a special correspondent writes). The West Midlands put Yorkshire in to bat and enjoyed an early success when Kelly Evenson bowled Kathryn Leng in her third over. Sue Metcalfe, the Yorkshire captain, came in to join Melissa Reynard and made 39 before she was caught half an hour before lunch. Reynard and Plimmer then pushed the scoring along rapidly and the opener reached her century in 171 minutes off 133 balls.

Reynard was finally out, stumped, on 109, but Plimmer remained unbeaten. Yorkshire had defeated newly-promoted West by ten wickets on Saturday while West Midlands secured a satisfying seven-wicket victory over their neighbours, East Midlands. In the second division, Thames Valley beat Lancashire and Cheshire by 78 runs on Saturday, thanks chiefly to 20-year-old Oxford University mathematician, Claire Taylor, who hit 109 — her fourth century of the season.

Despite 72 from Clare Connor, Middlesex beat Sussex off the last ball, with former Sussex player Sue Donaldson making 99 for Middlesex, and Kent beat Yorkshire II by 86 runs.

Campbell ends Durham drought

By Ivo Tennant

DURHAM have won a match. If that should sound like an achievement in itself, it was. Their victory over Essex in the AXA Equity & Law League yesterday was their first of the season in any senior competition. What was more, it was gained by the emphatic margin of eight wickets and without Simon Brown, the leading wicket-taker in the country, who was at Lord's with England.

This was Durham's first victory in the Sunday league since August 6 — almost a year ago. Apart from the Costcutter Cup, they had not beaten a county side in 28 matches this season. Campbell, their West Indian opener, who has had a difficult time adjusting to pitches in the North East that are all too different from those he is accustomed to in the Caribbean, contributed more than anybody to this triumph with an innings of 77 off 83 balls. He put on 147 with Hutton and struck eight fours and a six.

Essex, who chose to bat first, mustered a total of only 165. Durham, indeed, were without five regular first-team players, but their youthful replacements fielded enthusiastically and Saggers, who was making his debut, conceded only 19 runs off his eight overs. The only stand of note was 48 between Grayson and Lewis for the sixth wicket.

Surrey went two points clear at the top of the table as a result of beating Hampshire by 23 runs at Southampton. Hollioake, their acting captain, took four for 38, and Butcher and Brown each made half centuries, the latter striking three sixes. Other than a partnership of 55 in ten overs between James and Aymes for the eighth wicket, Hampshire struggled in reply.

Not many cricketers hit the ball harder or further in any form of limited-overs cricket than Lloyd, Lancashire's middle-order batsman. His century against Glamorgan came off 74 balls and included 11 fours and four sixes. It proved sufficient to give his side a victory as a result of a higher run rate, for, although Maynard, Glamorgan's captain, made runs in response, few among his colleagues did.

The leading run-scorer in the Sunday league, Simmons, struck his fourth successive half-century in Leicestershire's match with Sussex. His 83 came off only 57 balls and included 11 fours and a six. It took his tally for the season to 582, which gives him an excellent chance of winning the £3,000 prize for the highest number of runs. After being reduced to 24 overs a side, the match was finally abandoned.

Kent force tie despite onslaught from DeFreitas

By Rupert Cox

DeFreitas: powerful

DERBY (Kent won toss): Derbyshire (2pts) tied with Kent (2pts)

IN A career that has spanned 12 seasons, and three counties, Phillip DeFreitas had, prior to this summer, failed to acquire a Sunday League half-century. But, in the course of his four most recent outings, DeFreitas has rewritten his Sunday statistics with three fifties. At the County Ground yesterday, his rampant, unbeaten 72 from a mere 37 balls seemed the means by which Derbyshire would maintain their surge up the table in a match limited to 25 overs per side.

Kent, having made a solid start to their reply to 183 for six, appeared to be subsiding when Matthew Fleming and Carl Hooper perished within the space of an over. But a resolute middle-order enabled Kent to scrape two points from the contest — Will House hitting the last ball for two to force a tie.

Despite a knee injury that was expected to preclude him from bowling, mainly as a precaution before Tuesday's NatWest quarter-final at Old Trafford, DeFreitas enabled the hosts to set Kent an imposing target. Dean Jones and Tim O'Gorman offered an early side-show, with a third-wicket stand of 44 in six overs, before an outstanding exhibition from DeFreitas, who added 57 with the energetic Karl Krikken.

After arriving at the crease at 90 for three, in the fifteenth over, DeFreitas quickly set about the attack with a mixture of ferocious controlled hitting, violent heaves and the occasional fortuitous edge.

Nigel Llong, in his solitary over of offspin, which cost 13, was clubbed disdainfully over long-on, the first of five sixes as DeFreitas raced to 50 in 28 balls.

The grey and damp conditions had delayed the start until 3.50pm when the general consensus was that the truncated format would suit Kent rather more than the home team, a view given more credence when Hooper, the acting captain, won the toss and elected to field.

Dean Headley, so prominent in the championship game, struggled to attain a similar rhythm under surveillance, as he was on Saturday, from the England observer, Brian Bolus. He did, though, capture two wickets at a cost of 31 in his allotted five overs.

Fleming led Kent's response with customary flamboyance, racing to his fifty in only 43 balls with a six and seven robust fours, until he hoisted Matthew Vandrau to long-on. When Hooper holed out to long-off soon after the target looked beyond the title-holders. But then, as rain began to fall and Derbyshire's bowlers struggled to maintain a grip on the ball — there was also some shoddy out-cricket — Kent's effort was resuscitated.

Eleven runs were required off the final over with three wickets intact and the partisan home support hoping for DeFreitas, bowling off spinners, to see them home.

Martin McCague was run out off the third ball but DeFreitas followed with a full toss, and two runs were required from the final ball.

House, a Cambridge man, kept his nerve and carved it to deep point to ensure a division of the spoils.

No grounds for complaint

Pat Gibson on the quiet revolution taking place at Yorkshire

Yorkshire will never be quite the same again. At a stroke, Park Avenue, Bradford, St George's Road, Harrogate, Acklam Park, Middlesborough and Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, have been wiped off the map of first-class cricket, leaving only Headingley, Leeds, and North Marine Road, Scarborough, to stage county matches.

Not so long ago, such a decision would have provoked riots across the Broad Acres and left pools of blood on the committee room floor. By the end of last week, only two letters of resignation from disgruntled members had landed on the desk of Chris Hassell, the chief executive.

There may be more on the way and a few membership cards may just have been torn up in disgust but, for the most part, the members seem to understand that if Yorkshire are again to become a power in the land, they have to compete on the same terms as the other counties.

The first big step towards that end was the signing of Yorkshire's first overseas player in 1992. It caused an outcry at the time but no one has complained too loudly about the influence Sachin Tendulkar, Richie Richardson and Michael Bevan have had on both the playing and marketing fortunes of the club.

The second, it is hoped, will be the move — by the year 2000 — to a new, £40 million, purpose-built cricket stadium beside the motorways near either Wakefield or Leeds. If neither of those two bold schemes come to fruition, Headingley will be redeveloped.

It is with that momentous event in mind that Yorkshire have, in the words of Hassell, "bitten the bullet" and made the move towards centralising at Headingley, where they can control their own pitches and make full use of the hospitality facilities, while acknowledging the revenue gained from their outings to Scarborough.

The facts speak for themselves. When Yorkshire were winning most of their 29 outright championships, they had 18 home matches, 16 against the counties and two against the tourists, and it hardly mattered where they played. Next season, they would have had eight home games to share between six grounds.

Something had to give and the writing was on the wall for Bradford, Harrogate, Middlesborough and Sheffield, where there have not been 500 paying customers on any day this season.

Times have changed as much in Yorkshire as they have everywhere else. Once upon a time, great cricket names like Lord Hawke and Wilfred Rhodes, Herbert Sutcliffe and Brian Sellers, walked the corridors of power. Now the pre-eminent figure in Yorkshire cricket is Sir Lawrence Byford, once a leading policeman, and, as you might expect, a realist.

Sir Lawrence, 70, was appalled by what he found after becoming chairman in 1991. "Goodness knows what our predecessors were thinking of," he said. "We have this magnificent heritage in Yorkshire but as our old secretary, Joe Lister, used to say, 'We own neither a plank of wood nor a blade of grass'. I intend to put that right.

"Successful teams are those that marry financial support with playing ability and I think we are doing both at the moment. My two earnest wishes are that, by the time I leave, we will be well on the way to controlling our destiny, that we will have our own home, and that we will have won the championship again."

The first could be fulfilled by the end of this season. The second may have to wait until the turn of the century.

Facing the music in Munich

Michael Henderson reports on a beer match in Bavaria

The offer was too good to refuse. "We've got a game against MCC this summer," Martin Campbell-White, who runs a side from the London music agency, Harold Holt Ltd, of which he is the chief executive, said. "And you're playing."

Goody, and where might we be playing — Gunnersbury Park? Roehampton? "Ha ha," he said, "it's Munich Cricket Club we are playing, away." So, on Saturday afternoon, as England did battle with Pakistan at Lord's, two teams were engaged in a different kind of match in a meadow deep in the heart of the great Bavarian city.

In the Edrich Stand on Friday afternoon, therefore, Anthony Holden, Royal watcher and poker player supreme, was able to deliver the untoppable line: "Must dash — I've got a game in Munich to catch!" From Berlin came Daniel Harding, 20 going on 14, who next week becomes the youngest conductor to appear at the Proms.

Holden kept wicket — which was not the easiest of jobs on the matting pitch — and the bowling was opened by a Cambridge classics student and a Winchester music scholar. If this was a motley bunch, the Munich team was thoroughly polyglot: Australians, New Zealanders, a Rastafarian who never stopped laughing and, somewhere in there, two Germans.

Of all countries, Germany would appear to be the most hostile to this whimsical English game. So it was a great surprise to hear one of the German players declare: "The essence of cricket is not visible from the boundary." Few Englishmen, or Australians for that matter, could have put it more aptly.

The view from the boundary in the English Garden, the delightful park that adjoins the centre of Munich, certainly puzzled the natives. It would have surprised those more familiar with the game, too. Alongside the pitch was a red clay running track. At fine leg there was a sand pit, and at long leg and third man there were basketball courts. This is where the other MCC plays its fixtures.

Batting at No 3 for MCC was Peter Jonas, who is the most visible Englishman in Munich. As the intendant of the Bavarian State Opera, which has a claim to being the finest opera house in the world, he could hardly be more visible and yet there he was, umpiring a beer match and generally mucking in. Does Jeremy Isaacs, I wonder, spend his weekends like this?

For what its worth, the locals won easily, making 192 for eight from their 40 overs and bowling the Londoners out for 65. Then everybody, more or less, repaired to an adjacent meadow to quaff German beer in the time-honoured manner, from litre steins.

One or two, Holden among them, had sneaked away before the end, to hear *Don Giovanni*, who apparently got his comeuppance once again. He was not the only guilty man on Saturday. The fines committee deemed it necessary to punish the umpire who gave his captain out caught behind, easily the worst decision of the afternoon. It would be imprudent to identify him but he usually sits in a press box, where he writes uncharitable things about people who commit similar indiscretions.

Young Harding had never before played a game of cricket and brought an innocence to the occasion. After blocking his first ball, he asked: "May I go now?" It is a line Graeme Hick might like to borrow the next time he faces Waqar Younis.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (Kent won toss): Derbyshire (2pts) tied with Kent (2)

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett c House b McCague	16
C J Adams c Willis b Headley	8
*D M Jones b McCague	32
T J G O'Gorman c Ward b Hooper	26
P A J DeFreitas not out	72
†K M Krikken c Hooper b Fleming	14
C M Wells c Willis b Headley	1
G A Khan not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 2)	13
Total (6 wkts, 25 overs)	183

M J Vandrau, P Aldred and K J Dean did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-46, 3-90, 4-95, 5-152, 6-164

BOWLING: Headley 5-0-31-2; Wren 5-0-34-0; McCague 5-0-34-2; Hooper 5-0-30-1; Fleming 4-0-36-1; Llong 1-0-13-0

KENT

T R Ward c Jones b Aldred	4
M V Fleming c Adams b Vandrau	85
*C L Hooper c Dean b Wells	25
M J Walker c Jones b Wells	4
N J Llong st Krikken b DeFreitas	15
D P Fulton st Krikken b Barnett	18
W J House not out	19
†S C Willis st Krikken b Barnett	16
M J McCague run out	8
D W Headley not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4)	9
Total (8 wkts, 25 overs)	183

T N Wren did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-92, 3-97, 4-101, 5-131, 6-144, 7-162, 8-182

BOWLING: Aldred 5-0-25-1; Vandrau 5-0-28-1; Wells 5-0-35-2; Dean 2-0-22-0; Barnett 4-0-26-2; DeFreitas 4-0-44-1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J H Hampshire.

Durham v Essex

HARTLEPOOL (Essex won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Essex by eight wickets

ESSEX

D D J Robinson c Roseberry b Cox	16
S G Law c Cox b Wood	3
*P J Prichard lbw b Cox	19
R C Irani c Daley b Killeen	11
†R J Rollins lbw b Saggers	23
J J B Lewis lbw b Wood	28
A P Grayson st Ligertwood b Boiling	33
M C Ilott c Roseberry b Killeen	2
N F Williams c Daley b Killeen	12
S J W Andrew c Killeen b Boiling	0
P M Such not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 10, nb 2)	17
Total (39.2 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-44, 3-45, 4-76, 5-89, 6-137, 7-151, 8-161, 9-164

BOWLING: Wood 8-1-36-2; Killeen 8-0-45-3; Cox 8-0-34-2; Saggers 8-0-19-1; Boiling 7.2-0-25-2.

DURHAM

S L Campbell run out	77
S Hutton not out	47
P D Collingwood b Grayson	0
J A Daley not out	17
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 8, nb 6)	28
Total (2 wkts, 31.3 overs)	169

*M A Roseberry, D M Cox, †D G C Ligertwood, N Killeen, J Boiling, J Wood and M J Saggers did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-147, 2-147

BOWLING: Ilott 4-0-16-0; Andrew 7-2-38-0; Irani 4-0-23-0; Such 7-0-30-0; Williams 4-0-15-0, Grayson 5 3-0-33-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd

Glamorgan v Lancashire

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Glamorgan on a higher run rate

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson c Croft b Watkin	9
J E R Gallian run out	48
J P Crawley lbw b Watkin	4
G D Lloyd lbw b Barwick	116
N H Fairbrother c Barwick b Dale	7
†W K Hegg not out	19
I D Austin not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 6)	15
Total (5 wkts, 31 overs)	219

S Elworthy, G Yates, G Chapple and P J Martin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-29, 3-129, 4-165, 5-208.

BOWLING: Watkin 7-0-36-2; Gibson 6-0-28-0; Dale 6-0-34-1, Barwick 7-0-62-1, Croft 5-0-50-0.

GLAMORGAN

H Morris c Hegg b Martin	7
D L Hemp c Fairbrother b Martin	4
*M P Maynard b Watkinson	43
P A Cottey c Crawley b Watkinson	39
A Dale run out	12
A W Evans c Chapple b Martin	19
O D Gibson c Fairbrother b Elworthy	16
R D B Croft not out	17
†A D Shaw not out	16
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 4)	12
Total (7 wkts, 28 overs)	185

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-14, 3-85, 4-104, 5-118, 6-139, 7-158

BOWLING: Austin 7-0-31-0; Martin 6-0-52-3; Chapple 2-0-17-0; Elworthy 7-0-38-1; Watkinson 6-0-42-2

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

CHELTENHAM (Gloucestershire won toss): Match abandoned Gloucestershire (2pts), Warwickshire (2)

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles st Williams b Ball	17
N M K Smith c Walsh b Alleyne	36
D P Ostler st Williams b Davis	31
A Singh c Ball b Alleyne	2
T L Penney not out	75
S M Pollock c Lynch b Hancock	5
†M Burns c Windows b Davis	17
D R Brown b Davis	16
A F Giles c Symonds b Ball	9
G C Small not out	9
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 2, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	235

*T A Munton did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-70, 3-76, 4-120, 5-137, 6-175, 7-196, 8-208

BOWLING: Walsh 8-1-37-0, Smith 6-0-33-0; Ball 8-0-55-2, Alleyne 8-1-39-2, Davis 8-0-42-3, Hancock 2-0-15-1

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

R I Dawson not out	12
M G N Windows b Munton	13
M W Alleyne not out	9
Extras (lb 1, w 3)	4
Total (1 wkt, 10 overs)	38

T H C Hancock, M A Lynch, A Symonds, †R C J Williams, M C J Ball, A M Smith, R P Davis and *C A Walsh did not bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-25.

BOWLING: Pollock 5-1-12-0, Munton 4-0-20-1, Smith 1-0-5-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbeater.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Hampshire by 23 runs

SURREY

M A Butcher lbw b James	57
A D Brown st Aymes b Whitaker	51
N Shahid c Benjamin b Milburn	19
*A J Hollioake c Aymes b Stephenson	14
D J Bicknell lbw b Stephenson	6
D M Ward b Whitaker	12
†G J Kersey c Milburn b Whitaker	11
B C Hollioake c Stephenson b James	13
M P Bicknell c Keech b Stephenson	15
R M Pearson not out	9
J E Benjamin not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-130, 3-136, 4-153, 5-160, 6-182, 7-182, 8-202, 9-221

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-44-3; Milburn 8-1-43-1, Maru 8-1-36-0, James 8-0-45-2, Whitaker 8-0-44-3

HAMPSHIRE

M Keech b Pearson	25
J S Lumby b Benjamin	14
R A Smith b A J Hollioake	30
W K M Benjamin c D J Bicknell b A J Hollioake	30
W S Kendall run out	0
*J P Stephenson c Kersey b M P Bicknell	14
P R Whitaker c Kersey b B C Hollioake	9
K D James b Benjamin	37
†A N Aymes c B C Hollioake b A J Hollioake	20
S M Milburn c Shahid b A J Hollioake	8
R J Maru not out	1
Extras (lb 2, w 9)	11
Total (39.3 overs)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-61, 3-101, 4-101, 5-112, 6-130, 7-130, 8-185, 9-195

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-0-38-1, Benjamin 7-0-28-2, Pearson 8-0-36-1, Shahid 1-0-18-0, A J Hollioake 7.3-0-38-4, B C Hollioake 8-0-39-1

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (Sussex won toss): Match abandoned Leicestershire (2pts), Sussex (2)

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells c Greenfield b Law	15
V P Clarke lbw b Lewry	1
*P V Simmons st Moores b Greenfield	83
D L Maddy b Drakes	24
G I Macmillan c Lewry b Greenfield	10
B F Smith c sub b Newell	14
†P A Nixon run out	20
C C Remy b Giddins	5
A Habib not out	7
D Williamson not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4, nb 4)	18
Total (8 wkts, 24 overs)	199

J Ormond did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-34, 3-95, 4-117, 5-147, 6-164, 7-175, 8-192.

BOWLING: Law 5-0-37-1; Lewry 5-1-24-1, Giddins 5-0-23-1, Drakes 4-0-51-1, Greenfield 4-0-42-2; Newell 1-0-12-1.

SUSSEX

R K Rao not out	3
K Greenfield not out	6
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (no wkt, 4 overs)	16

K Newell, M P Speight, D R C Law, †P Moores, *A P Wells, V C Drakes, N J Lenham, E S H Giddins and J D Lewry did not bat

BOWLING: Ormond 2-0-4-0; Simmons 2-0-7-0

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

WORCESTER (Northamptonshire won toss): Match abandoned Worcestershire (2pts), Northamptonshire (2)

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Fordham b Curran	31
W P C Weston not out	38
K R Spiring not out	12
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 17 overs)	80

M J Church, V S Solanki, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, P J Newport and A Sheriyar did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-49

BOWLING: Ambrose 4-1-9-0, Taylor 3-0-24-0, Curran 4-0-25-1; Capel 5-0-20-0, Emburey 1-0-1-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: M B Loye, *A Fordham, K M Curran, T C Walton, D J Capel, A L Penberthy, D J Sales, †D Ripley, J E Emburey, J P Taylor, C E L Ambrose

Umpires: K E Palmer and A Clarkson

Yorkshire v Somerset

SCARBOROUGH (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Yorkshire by two runs

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Blakey b Hartley	19
P D Bowler b Gough	53
S C Ecclestone c Blakey b Hartley	1
R J Harden b White	57
S Lee c Bevan b Hartley	52
†R J Turner not out	23
G D Rose not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 8, nb 6)	20
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	232

*A N Hayhurst, K A Parsons, H R J Trump and A R Caddick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-59, 3-117, 4-176, 5-223

BOWLING: Silverwood 8-1-34-0, Gough 8-0-56-1, Stemp 8-1-36-0, Hartley 8-0-45-3, White 8-0-34-1, Bevan 2-0-19-0

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c and b Rose	8
M P Vaughan c Trump b Rose	31
M G Bevan c Turner b Trump	33
C White lbw b Hayhurst	26
*D Byas lbw b Trump	17
A McGrath lbw b Hayhurst	1
†R J Blakey b Caddick	49
D Gough c Caddick b Hayhurst	21
P J Hartley not out	22
C E W Silverwood not out	9
Extras (lb 2, w 3, nb 8)	13
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	230

R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-80, 3-85, 4-117, 5-118, 6-137, 7-171, 8-215

BOWLING: Caddick 8-0-38-1, Rose 8-0-38-2; Lee 8-0-54-0; Trump 8-0-51-2; Hayhurst 8-1-47-3

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White

Tour match

Nottinghamshire v South Africa A

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): South Africa A, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 295 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

S G Koenig c Walker b Bates	15
G F J Liebenberg c Mike b Chapman	0
H H Gibbs c Archer b Chapman	95
H D Ackerman c Mike b Chapman	66
*J B Commins c Alzaal b Afford	2
D N Crookes c Walker b Bates	59
†N Pothas c Chapman b Afford	90
L Klusener c Pollard b Afford	79
M W Pringle c Bates b Afford	0
P R Adams not out	11
G Gilder lbw b Chapman	4
Extras (b 7, lb 2, w 2, nb 23)	34
Total	455

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-50, 3-190, 4-200, 5-200, 6-282, 7-435, 8-436, 9-446.

BOWLING: Mike 23-7-106-0, Chapman 23.5-3-109-4, Tolley 12-2-50-0, Bates 23-5-74-2, Afford 28-9-66-4; Alzaal 7-2-27-0; Dowman 4-1-14-0

Second Innings

S G Koenig c sub b Mike	22
G F J Liebenberg c Pollard b Chapman	0
H H Gibbs st sub b Alzaal	85
H D Ackerman c sub b Tolley	6
*J B Commins run out	34
D N Crookes c Archer b Mike	18
†N Pothas not out	8
L Klusener not out	0
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 4)	7
Total (6 wkts)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-63, 3-84, 4-146, 5-158, 6-178

BOWLING: Mike 11.5-1-34-2, Chapman 4-0-24-1, Tolley 11-1-45-1, Alzaal 12-0-52-1, Afford 8-1-23-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Koenig b Adams	34
M P Dowman lbw b Pringle	27
G F Archer run out	87
U Alzaal lbw b Crookes	47
*P Johnson c Gilder b Adams	26
C M Tolley b Klusener	43
R T Bates c Pothas b Klusener	15
G W Mike not out	13
R J Chapman c Pothas b Klusener	0
J A Afford c Pothas b Adams	0
†L N P Walker absent	0
Extras (b 18, lb 10, nb 20)	48
Total	340

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-85, 3-186, 4-243, 5-286, 6-314, 7-335, 8-339, 9-340

BOWLING: Pringle 23-5-65-1, Gilder 17-8-33-0, Klusener 21-6-42-3, Adams 32.4-3-125-3, Crookes 16-5-47-1

Umpires: A A Jones and J Lloyds

TABLE

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Surrey (9)	12	8	4	0	32
Northants (13)	11	7	3	1	30
Yorkshire (12)	12	7	5	0	28
Warwicks (2)	11	6	4	1	26
Kent (1)	11	6	4	0	26
Middlesex (17)	11	6	4	1	26
Worcs (3)	11	5	3	3	26
Leics (7)	11	5	4	2	24
Notts (11)	10	6	4	0	24
Somerset (14)	10	5	4	1	22
Derbyshire (8)	11	4	4	3	22
Sussex (10)	11	4	5	2	20
Lancashire (4)	11	5	6	0	20
Glamorgan (6)	10	4	4	2	20
Gloucs (15)	11	3	6	2	16
Hampshire (18)	10	3	6	1	14
Essex (5)	11	3	7	1	14
Durham (16)	13	1	11	1	6

(Last season's positions in brackets)

WOMEN'S AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS: First division: The West 85-7, Yorkshire 86-0. East Anglia 132, Surrey 133-8; East Midlands 152, West Midlands 153-3. Surrey 221-4, The West 146, Yorkshire 238-3 (M Reynard 109). West Midlands 104; East Midlands 197-5. East Anglia 199-8 (C Edwards 112). Standings: 1, Yorkshire 41 pts; 2, Surrey 40½; 3, West Midlands 24; 4, East Anglia 24½; 5, East Midlands 12; 6, The West 6½. Second division: Sussex 207, Middlesex 205-6; Thames Valley 249-4 (C Taylor 109). Lancashire and Cheshire 171-5. Kent 195-6, Yorkshire II 109. Thames Valley 147, Yorkshire II 14[illegible] 9. Middlesex 199-8, Lancashire and Cheshire 200-5; Kent 201-7, Sussex 138-9. Standings: 1, Kent 40½; 2, Thames Valley 38½; 3, Middlesex 25; 4, Lancashire and Cheshire 24½; 5, Sussex 12½; 6, Yorkshire II 12½.

CRICKET: CRITICS SAY SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOT GIVING A PROPER RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Coaches defend essential springboard

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

The view from the Tring Park boundary as Northamptonshire and Warwickshire meet in the Bain Hogg Trophy. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

A SHORT drive from Lord's, but a million miles from the Test match, two grand old counties met in suburban Harrow last week. It was a game watched by a devoted few, largely featuring aspiring youth and is a form of cricket that some influential voices would gladly abandon on the unworthy grounds of cost and convenience.

For those who missed it, Middlesex second XI and their counterparts from Yorkshire drew their three-day fixture, though only after Yorkshire had been obliged to follow-on. It was a game conducted with the strictness of purpose one would expect from these clubs and the young men on both sides should learn from it.

But will they? Will the patient century made by David Goodchild, of Middlesex, prepare him for the task of regularly batting through a day, that seems beyond all but a handful of our leading players? Will the defiant follow-on help the fledgeling Yorkshiremen to save future county games, even Test matches? Is this the right environment for their education?

There are those who think not. Their claim is that the second teams of old, in which mature club cricketers with sympathetic employers formed a distinctly different nucleus, have gone forever and that the system is now a drain on county finances that perpetuates playing and coaching positions for no tangible benefit.

I found little support for such scepticism at Harrow, nor later in the week and further into commuter country at Tring, where Northamptonshire met Warwickshire. Neil Abberley has been coaching Warwickshire's second XI since 1980 and, unsurprisingly, he "totally disagreed" with the anti-lobby. "Any county needs strength in depth. That means having players in the second team who are equipped, mentally and technically, to take the step up. We must keep the fringe senior players fit and in form and the second team is the only platform for that," he said.

This view is endorsed by Ian Gould, the Middlesex second-team coach for the past five years. Gould, however, has trenchant views over what might be done to streamline the traditional feeder system to senior cricket.

Some second-team coaches may be too old, or too disaffected to cope with the modern young cricketer, who lives his life at a different pace and with different expectations. Graham Gooch recalls being given a lift in the amateur captain's Rolls-Royce when he made his second-team debut for Essex. He also recalls being too shy to venture an opinion for months.

At Harrow, the tiny car park bulged with sponsored cars and the field was a calculated advertisement for sunglasses. Gould shook his head. "Some of them get an easy ride, too much thrust at them too soon," he said. "Then they get carried away with their self-importance."

What of the social life that should create stability, the evenings spent talking cricket in earthily modest hotels that give the headiest youngster a sense of self? All gone, apparently. "In my day we drank like fishes," Gould admitted, "and I am not saying that was good. But when I do the drinks list at close of play now, it will be almost all orange and lemonade. Instead of having a couple of beers together afterwards, the young guys go to a gym to work out which I am not convinced is the right approach for what we are doing. They eat rubbish, avoiding vegetables, and once they have raced away from the ground in their cars, you don't see them again until the next morning."

Abberley agrees that things have changed. "We stay in modern hotels now and the mixing is not what it was. But I make sure I am always around the hotel at ten at night ready to buy any of the lads a drink if they need a chat."

Most of them need more than that, which is where Gould's idea of training camps — "I hate the term academy" — is attractive. "For two weeks at the start of the season you'd gather together the best young players in the country, say three or four from each club, and take them to Portugal or wherever the facilities are best," he said. "Then hire the top coaches and the leading experts in other areas to train them in what it takes to be a cricketer. They should reconvene in mid-season, when second-team cricket needs a break, and again at the end." It is an idea with merit. Where England is falling behind its opponents at Test level is not so much in the technique of young players but in their maturity. The great success of Australia's academy is in the making of rounded people rather than cricketing automatons.

Meanwhile, life at the unseen end of the game goes on. Middlesex play at Crosby today, while Yorkshire are at Marske-on-Sea. A reliable map is an essential on the second-team circuit. "I feel there is too much cricket and too little time to teach them anything," Gould said.

"We have a 40-minute chat at the end of each day but that isn't enough. It is why I still like to play, to see them at close quarters. Manners are poor in the game and the kids need educating in what is right and wrong. But we need the right environment for the learning process and we play on too many poor pitches, some at Test grounds where it is plain they don't want us. It is an absolute disgrace, because these second-team players are the future and we are not protecting it."

Sales finds himself caught in the middle

BY ALAN LEE

DAVID SALES'S admission to one unpopular club caused no ripples but his glorious foundation of another, in the same game, has raised the profile of a festering issue: the perceived primacy of age-group internationals over county cricket.

A week ago, Sales was just another promising teenager, a regular in Northamptonshire's second team since they recruited him from Surrey last year. Now, after becoming one of many to be out for nought in his first championship innings, he has become the first to make a debut double-century.

Sales, 18, scored an unbeaten 210 in the second innings against Worcestershire at Kidderminster on Saturday and Northamptonshire immediately confirmed they would like to include him against Leicestershire later this week. The Test and County Cricket Board have other ideas and will insist that Sales represents England Under-19s in the first Test match against New Zealand at Old Trafford.

Northamptonshire are not the first county to express irritation at losing their leading youngsters to age-group cricket and the view of their coach, John Emburey, that "playing championship cricket would be more useful to David's future" is not exclusive to Sales.

The draw at Kidderminster leaves Northamptonshire at the wrong end of the table. Among the leaders, defeats for Yorkshire and Warwickshire — beaten by an innings by Gloucestershire — has left the way clear for Leicestershire to return to the top.

First, they must complete victory over Sussex, 76 for four in pursuit of 213. Then, they will need to look over their shoulders at Kent, who are poised to beat Derbyshire, and at Essex, creeping closer with victory at Durham.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (third day of four): Derbyshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 278 runs to beat Kent

KENT: First Innings 445 (M V Fleming 116, N J Llong 116, C L Hooper 103; D E Malcolm 5 for 116)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Krikken b Malcolm .. 0
E T Smith c Adams b Malcolm 26
T R Ward c Krikken b Harris 16
C L Hooper c Khan b Malcolm 5
N J Llong c Adams b Malcolm 51
M V Fleming c Khan b DeFreitas .. 27
M J McCague c Krikken b Harris 4
D W Headley c DeFreitas b Malcolm .. 38
M M Patel c Krikken b Barnett 33
N W Preston not out 17
*†S A Marsh c Jones b Malcolm 15
Extras (lb 5, nb 8) 13
Total 245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-30, 3-40, 4-50, 5-87, 6-100, 7-177, 8-182, 9-219

BOWLING: Malcolm 25.1-5-89-6, DeFreitas 26.1-9-52-1; Harris 12.5-1-42-2, Vandrau 5-1-16-0, Wells 12-4-34-0; Barnett 6-3-7-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 292 (T J G O'Gorman 62, C M Wells 52; D W Headley 8 for 98)

Second Innings

K J Barnett b Headley 54
M J Vandrau lbw b Headley 10
C J Adams c Llong b McCague 13
*D M Jones not out 23
G A Khan c Hooper b Headley 4
T J G O'Gorman c Fulton b McCague .. 2
A J Harris not out 2
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 6) 13
Total (5 wkts) 121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-89, 3-97, 4-102, 5-109

BOWLING: McCague 13-0-53-2; Headley 13-1-61-3

Bonus points: Derbyshire 5 Kent 8

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J H Hampshire

Durham v Essex

HARTLEPOOL (third day of four): Essex (23pts) beat Durham (4) by 292 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 334 (A P Grayson 74, S G Law 73, R C Irani 56; N Killeen 4 for 57)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Cox 33
D D J Robinson c Killeen b Saggers .. 9
A P Grayson c Ligertwood b Bainbridge 85
S G Law c Ligertwood b Killeen 172
*P J Prichard st Ligertwood b Cox 23
R C Irani c Morris b Killeen 12
†R J Rollins c Hutton b Cox 0
M C Ilott c Bainbridge b Killeen 13
N F Williams not out 6
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 6) 17
Total (8 wkts dec) 370

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-78, 3-241, 4-338, 5-344, 6-344, 7-352, 8-370.

BOWLING: Wood 13-1-77-0; Killeen 19.3-4-72-3; Saggers 12-0-53-1; Cox 28-5-103-3; Campbell 1-0-4-0; Bainbridge 10-0-50-1.

DURHAM: First Innings 188 (S L Campbell 56; M C Ilott 5 for 53)

Second Innings

S L Campbell c Rollins b Ilott 72
S Hutton b Williams 23
J E Morris c Robinson b Such 8
J A Daley b Williams 21
*M A Roseberry c Law b Irani 19
P Bainbridge c Law b Williams 3
†D G C Ligertwood b Such 1
D M Cox b Law 52
J Wood c Grayson b Such 0
N Killeen b Such 0
M J Saggers not out 10
Extras (lb 13, nb 4) 17
Total 224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-100, 3-118, 4-154, 5-154, 6-157, 7-186, 8-186, 9-212.

BOWLING: Ilott 19-2-81-1; Andrew 2-1-8-0; Such 22.9-49-4, Williams 10-3-33-3; Irani 12-5-31-1; Law 3.1-0-9-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd

Glamorgan v Lancashire

CARDIFF (third day of four): Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 286 runs ahead of Lancashire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 505 (M P Maynard 214, P A Cottey 74, H Morris 71)

Second Innings

S P James c Gallian b Keedy 49
H Morris c Gallian b Martin 61
G P Butcher b Martin 3
*M P Maynard not out 68
P A Cottey not out 55
Extras (b 14, lb 7, nb 2) 23
Total (3 wkts) 259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-112, 3-139.

BOWLING: Martin 14-2-47-2; Chapple 8-1-46-0; Watkinson 12-0-59-0; Austin 7-0-36-0; Keedy 16-4-50-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Shaw b Watkin 13
S P Titchard c and b Watkin 67
J P Crawley b Croft 48
N J Speak not out 138
G D Lloyd c Watkin b Cosker 142
*M Watkinson c and b Cosker 1
†W K Hegg not out 24
Extras (b 15, lb 9, w 1, nb 22) 47
Total (5 wkts dec, 111.4 overs) 478

I D Austin, G Chepple, P J Martin and G Keedy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-108, 3-181, 4-432, 5-434.

BOWLING: Watkin 20-3-82-2; Gibson 17.4-0-112-0; Croft 33-6-97-1; Cosker 25-6-90-2, Barwick 12-0-48-0; Butcher 4-0-25-0.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 6 Lancashire 7.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer.

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

CHELTENHAM (third day of four). Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Warwickshire (3) by an innings and 116 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 569 (M G N Windows 184, A Symonds 127, M A Lynch 69, T H C Hancock 57; G C Small 4 for 99)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles lbw b Walsh 15
N M K Smith b Davis 41
†M Burns c Williams b Walsh 25
D P Ostler c and b Walsh 73
T L Penney c and b Alleyne 26
A Singh c Trainor b Walsh 13
S M Pollock c Walsh b Ball 4
D R Brown b Davis 6
A F Giles c Symonds b Walsh 6
G C Small not out 2
*T A Munton b Walsh 0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 17) 27
Total (58.5 overs) 218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-68, 3-74, 4-137, 5-157, 6-187, 7-188, 8-215, 9-216.

BOWLING: Walsh 14.5-6-26-6; Smith 9-2-66-0; Davis 20-8-63-2; Alleyne 9-3-31-1, Ball 6-2-20-1.

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Smith 0
N M K Smith c Williams b Walsh 14
†M Burns c Trainor b Smith 0
D P Ostler c Trainor b Davis 90
T L Penney c Williams b Walsh 0
D R Brown c Williams b Ball 39
A Singh c and b Walsh 10
S M Pollock c Ball b Davis 53
A F Giles c Trainor b Walsh 18
G C Small c Ball b Walsh 0
*T A Munton not out 6
Extras (lb 1, nb 6) 7
Total 237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-15, 3-23, 4-24, 5-111, 6-132, 7-174, 8-227, 9-227.

BOWLING: Walsh 21-2-91-5; Smith 15-3-59-2; Alleyne 6-2-10-0; Davis 18.4-5-46-2; Ball 9-2-30-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbeater.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Hampshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs ahead of Surrey

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 359 (J P Stephenson 61, V P Terry 57, R A Smith 54; M P Bicknell 4 for 64)

Second Innings

R J Maru c Butcher b Julian 27
J S Laney c Hollioake b M P Bicknell .. 8
*J P Stephenson c Hollioake b Julian .. 62
K D James b Benjamin 27
R A Smith not out 13
V P Terry not out 1
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 6) 12
Total (4 wkts) 150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-71, 3-117, 4-147

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 16-4-52-1; Benjamin 13-5-22-1; Julian 11-3-30-2; Hollioake 7-0-29-0, Shahid 1-0-5-0; Pearson 2-0-7-0.

SURREY: First Innings 331 (A J Hollioake 83, M A Butcher 58)

Bonus points: Hampshire 8 Surrey 7.

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (third day of four). Sussex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 137 runs to beat Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 266 (P A Nixon 74, J J Whitaker 58 not out; J D Lewry 5 for 74)

Second Innings

V J Wells b Giddins 28
D L Maddy c Moores b Lewry 68
B F Smith c Athey b Drakes 45
P V Simmons c Moores b Lewry 36
A Habib b Lewry 16
†P A Nixon lbw b Drakes 14
D J Millns lbw b Lewry 0
G J Parsons c Hall b Drakes 17
*J J Whitaker c sub b Lewry 3
A R K Pierson not out 1
M T Brimson lbw b Lewry 0
Extras (b 9, lb 1, nb 2) 12
Total 240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-145, 3-171, 4-190, 5-205, 6-205, 7-232, 8-238, 9-240

BOWLING: Drakes 32-9-108-3; Lewry 27.4-6-73-6; Lenham 7-0-29-0; Giddins 7-1-16-1; Greenfield 1-0-4-0

SUSSEX: First Innings 294 (K Greenfield 69, M P Speight 68; P V Simmons 5 for 58)

Second Innings

*A P Wells c Maddy b Parsons 15
J W Hall not out 31
K Greenfield b Simmons 9
N J Lenham c Wells b Simmons 2
M P Speight c Nixon b Simmons 2
C W J Athey not out 9
Extras (lb 2, nb 6) 8
Total (4 wkts) 76

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-41, 3-49, 4-57

BOWLING: Parsons 9-3-27-1; Simmons 12-5-33-3; Wells 6-4-9-0; Brimson 3-0-5-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 6 Sussex 6

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

KIDDERMINSTER (final day of four). Worcestershire (11pts) drew with Northamptonshire (9)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 328 (D Ripley 88 not out; R K Illingworth 4 for 89)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie retired hurt 17
*A Fordham c Rhodes b Lampitt 31
T C Walton c Rhodes b Lampitt 27
D J Capel c Weston b Solanki 103
D J Sales not out 210
K M Curran not out 42
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 8) 16
Total (3 wkts dec) 446

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-80, 3-323

BOWLING: Shenyar 10-1-28-0; Ellis 13-0-73-0; Lampitt 18-4-84-2; Solanki 22-1-103-1, Illingworth 16-4-57-0, Church 8-0-33-0; Moody 10-0-50-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 350 for 7 dec (T M Moody 106, V S Solanki 68, W P C Weston 68, T S Curtis 65)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c and b Capel 7
M J Church c Penberthy b Capel 4
T S Curtis c Penberthy b Taylor 107
*T M Moody b Taylor 169
K R Spring c Ripley b Taylor 9
V S Solanki c Snape b Curran 0
†S J Rhodes not out 53
S R Lampitt c Walton b Snape 28
R K Illingworth not out 5
Extras (lb 4, nb 2) 6
Total (7 wkts) 388

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-12, 3-281, 4-302, 5-302, 6-302, 7-367.

BOWLING: Taylor 15-4-53-3, Capel 15-3-48-2; Curran 11-0-41-1, Roberts 23-2-119-0, Snape 26.4-2-123-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D J Constant.

Yorkshire v Somerset

SCARBOROUGH (final day of four): Somerset (23pts) beat Yorkshire (6) by 197 runs

SOMERSET: First Innings 309 (K A Parsons 82, R J Harden 54; C E W Silverwood 4 for 53)

Second Innings 395 (S Lee 134, M N Lathwell 80)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 292 (D Byas 88, D Gough 51)

Second Innings

M D Moxon c Lathwell b Rose 7
M P Vaughan c Turner b Caddick 12
*D Byas c Turner b Shine 4
M G Bevan c Lee b Caddick 29
A McGrath c Lee b Shine 0
C White c Turner b Shine 1
†R J Blakey b Lee 25
D Gough c Turner b Shine 47
P J Hartley not out 57
C E W Silverwood c Lathwell b Caddick .. 7
R D Stemp c Turner b Shine 2
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 1, nb 12) 24
Total 215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-31, 3-33, 4-33, 5-46, 6-84, 7-106, 8-175, 9-196

BOWLING: Caddick 19-3-72-3; Rose 6-0-29-1; Shine 11-1-48-5; Lee 7-0-54-1; Batty 1-0-1-0

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds lifted away from danger by Bell's example

Leeds 34
Paris-St Germain 12

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DEAN BELL was more grateful for the victory that eased Leeds' relegation fears than for the try that marked his temporary emergence from retirement at Headingley yesterday.

To score was a personal bonus; to win was Bell's prime objective. The victory — only their fifth of the Stones Super League season — lifted Leeds five points clear of Workington at the bottom of the table with four games remaining. It should be enough and Bell has no wish to stay in the team when his job is to coach from the sidelines.

At 34, and a year on from his last playing appearance for Auckland Warriors, there was an onus on Bell to perform and, more importantly, to get his side to respond to his example. These are hard times at Headingley, as the need for Bell to return to the field demonstrated.

He made his presence felt immediately by putting in the first of 17 tackles and a drive. More than his actual contribution, however, it was Bell's presence that galvanised a side low on confidence and esteem. He re-established a partnership at centre with Kevin Iro that once struck fear into all of Wigan's opponents and Iro rose to the occasion with a rare exhibition of his own talent for beating a man and finding a gap.

Iro was held down by Devecchi, resulting in the first of Holroyd's 22 points, a penalty, followed by a disallowed try for Hulme as a result of Iro's forward pass. This, nonetheless, showed how vulnerable the Paris defence was and Leeds quickly established a commanding 14-point lead in as many minutes.

At full back for Paris, Bird walked a thin wire. He flapped at Holroyd passing him for the first of Leeds' five tries and then immediately dropped the Leeds restart. Kemp, surging off the resultant scrum, scored one of his more straightforward tries in holding off Parry. There was a further loss of possession by Bird, which led to the third of Holroyd's seven successful goal kicks, before the Australian made some amends by touching down a precision kick by the ever-admirable Entat. Paris might have mounted a far stiffer challenge if Justin Bryant had not been sent off in the 31st minute.

The Australian, recently cast off by London Broncos, had made three minutes of his debut when the red mists descended in a shoulder charge on Shaw. Against short-handed opposition, Leeds put themselves beyond reach with Holroyd's second try shortly before half-time.

Nonetheless, there were a few difficult moments for the home side after Hulme was despatched to the sin bin. If Smith had followed up his conversion of Bloomfield's try early in the second half with a penalty awarded immediately afterwards, it might have been interesting. As it was, Smith's attempt from in front of the posts, hit an upright and Leeds comfortably saw themselves home.

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Shaw nipped past some weak tackling from dummy half and, with Paris down to eleven players after Sands was sent to the sin bin, Bell claimed his score. Lurking on the right wing, he received Newton's pass and crossed the line for the biggest ovation of the afternoon.

Although pleased with the victory, Bell said: "This was a desperation measure with the one or two injury problems that we have. I am seeing it at this stage as a one-off measure. I have no wish to resume my career at this stage."

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Holroyd (2), Kemp, Shaw, Bell Goals: Holroyd (7) Paris: Tries: Bird, Bloomfield Goals: Smith (2)

LEEDS: M St Hilaire, M Golden, K Iro, D Bell, P Hassan; T Kemp, G Holroyd; G Mercer, M Shaw, B McDermott, T Newton, A Morley, D Hulme Subs: A Hughes, J Field, N Fozzard, S Tupuloto.

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN: D Bird, F Banquet, E Vergnol, P Charmorin, G Wilson, F Devecchi, P Entat; D Cabestany, V Wulf, J Sands, J Parry, D Smith, J Pech Subs: V Bloomfield, P Barrett, J Bryant, J Griffiths

Referee: C Morris (Huddersfield)

St Helens master art of late escape

London Broncos 28
St Helens 32

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IF St Helens go on to win the inaugural Stones Super League title, they will look back on this second highly controversial, last-minute win over London Broncos as one of the key results.

Apollo Perelini satisfied the video official, in his extrication from a two-man embrace, that he had applied downward pressure to the ball. The disputed conclusion to a riveting drama was rough on London, just as two debatable tries had been in St Helens' other great escape, in May.

The comeback feat is firmly established as a St Helens speciality; the only question now is whether their nerve and luck can hold for the four games they have left.

Newlove, Joynt and Hunte were casualties of an epic match on Saturday night, but Scott Gibbs, who is rejoining Swansea rugby union club in an estimated £200,000 deal, has been persuaded to stay on for the next potentially hazardous encounter, at Castleford on Friday.

It is fortunate for St Helens that they never know when they are beaten. The trouble is that sometimes they never know when they have won. Within 20 minutes, a comfortable 14-2 lead had become a 22-14 deficit, which is where the fun really started.

Roskell's second try, in support of a break by the impressive Krause, would have broken the back of most teams, but St Helens were off the canvas and ahead, as Matautia and then Gibbs powered their way to the try-line. Great support play, which put Rosolen clear, showed London were not done with, but a few minutes later they were.

Perelini hurled himself at the line, twisting as he did so. Although on his back, he appeared to get downward pressure on the ball. "It was a fifty-fifty shot," Tony Currie, the Broncos coach, said. "It's just that they don't seem to go our way."

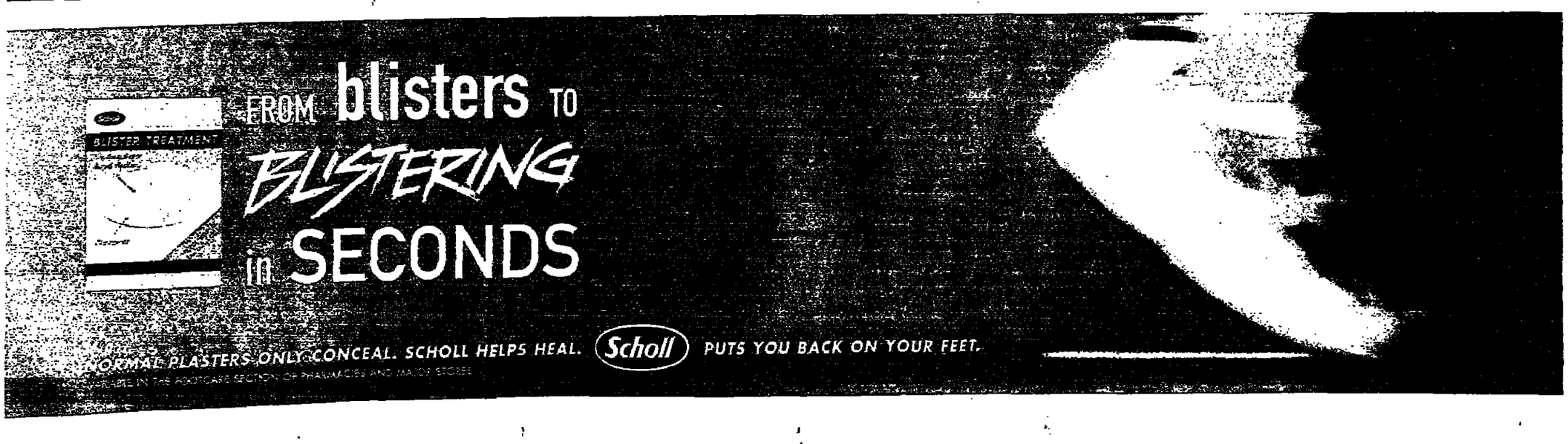
By the end of today, Martin Offiah should be a London player. The last pieces of a £300,000 deal taking the Great Britain wing from Wigan are in place. A release clause means he is available to play rugby union for Bedford in the off season.

SCORERS: London: Tries: Roskell (2), Bawden, Rosolen. Goals: Barwick (6) St Helens: Tries: Perelini (2), Hayes, Newlove, Matautia, Gibbs Goals: Goulding (4).

LONDON BRONCOS: T Martin; M Maguire, D Krause, G Barwick, S Roskell, T Tollett; N Langer; G Allen, T Rea, T Mestrov, P Gill, S Rosolen, T Matterson. Subs: R Bawden, D Shaw, I Burt, L Dynevor.

ST HELENS: S Prescott; J Hayes, S Gibbs, P Newlove, D Arnold, K Hammond, R Goulding, A Perelini, K Cunningham, A Fogerty, C Joynt, D McVey, C Morley Subs: V Matautia, A Hunte, I Pickavance, T Munyn

Referee: S Cummings (Widnes)



MOTOR RACING: FIRST SUCCESS IN GERMANY RESTORES ENGLISHMAN'S COMMANDING CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD

Victory clears Hill's path to the title

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN HOCKENHEIM

THE smoke billowed from Gerhard Berger's broken engine in great plumes and, for an instant, Damon Hill was lost in a swirling white sea. A split-second later, the Englishman veered to the right and emerged from the fog with the race at his mercy. The pursuit was over; he was into the great wide open, under the skies of blue.

The wisps of doubt about his chances of clinching the drivers' championship that had floated into view after his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, reduced his lead to 15 points at Silverstone a fortnight ago, were borne away. Only a bizarre run of bad luck, it seems, can stop him winning the title now.

His determined victory in the German Grand Prix here yesterday, in front of 150,000 Michael Schumacher devotees, not only broke the hoodoo that has hovered over him in his five previous attempts to win on his greatest rival's home soil, but also extended his lead over Villeneuve to 21 points, a handsome cushion with only five races left. He has won seven races now this season, a feat that equals the mark held by Jim Clark and Ayrton Senna.

The next grand prix takes place in Hungary in a fortnight at a tight, twisting circuit where the young Canadian has never raced and where Hill traditionally excels. The guessing game about when he will clinch the championship, a game that is anathema to the Englishman, now suggests he may put matters beyond doubt at the Belgian Grand Prix in Spa less than a month from now.

His victory yesterday, admittedly, owed something to luck. If Berger's engine had not blown two laps from the end of the 45-lap race, Hill would probably have been unable to pass him, despite his repeated attempts. The risk of an accident and a non-finish, when second place and the extension of his advantage over Villeneuve beckoned, weighed against an all-out overtaking manouevre.

Hill has suffered his share of ill-fortune this season already. He deserved his own lucky break. In past years, too, Hockenheim has treated him unkindly. He was coasting to what would have been his debut grand prix victory here in 1993 when a puncture robbed him of a win just over a few miles from the finishing line.

"Absolutely no way was that lucky," Hill said yesterday. "It was a shame for Gerhard but these things happen in motor racing, I'm afraid. It is about whoever crosses the line first.

"When we came out of the chicane, I heard an engine noise and, for a second, I thought it was mine. Then it became obvious it was Gerhard's and I managed to get out of the way. It was my first victory in Germany and my twentieth grand prix win, so there's plenty to celebrate.

"As far as the championship goes, it is a very timely result, because the races are running out. I have to keep scoring points and winning races. You only have to look at Silverstone to see that things can change quickly, that the gap can go up and down."

Hill's win, and the thrilling way he claimed pole position on Saturday, were also achieved against a background of speculation that his job at Williams might be under threat next season from the Sauber driver, Heinz-Harald Frentzen. He has seen off worse rumours than that before, of course, and this one, too, seems to be receding.

Frank Williams, the team owner, has been talking to Frentzen but Hill's reputation is now second only to Schumacher's in Formula One. Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's impresario, was also known to be unhappy at the prospect of the deal because of Hill's growing popularity. If Hill and Williams can agree on his wages for next year, it now seems likely they will stay together for another season.

The Englishman's victory yesterday came after his second consecutive poor start had left him trailing in third place by the first corner behind Berger and the other Benetton driver, Jean Alesi. Hill clung to them for the first 20 laps without being able to pressure them and then made his first pit stop.

When Berger and Alesi made their stops soon after, Hill put in a succession of fastest laps and grabbed the lead. Freed of the constraints of following his two rivals, he set a blistering pace, hurtling away from Berger at a rate of more than a second a lap.

However, Berger and Alesi were only on one-stop strategies and, when Hill made his second stop 11 laps from the end, he emerged sandwiched between them with Berger in the lead. The Englishman dodged and weaved all over the narrow track, trying to find a way past, but Berger blocked his every move.

"I could not believe what happened," Berger said. "Everything was perfect and I was confident I could have held off Hill as I had done for the previous laps. I had no warning that anything was wrong and then suddenly the engine blew."

Hill, meanwhile, allowed himself to indulge in one piece of self-criticism. "I must make better starts," he said. "I'm going to write it out a thousand times."

JOHN MARSH

Hill celebrates his seventh grand prix victory of the season at Hockenheim yesterday. He now leads the race for the title by 21 points

GRAND PRIX RESULTS FROM HOCKENHEIM

RESULT: 1, D Hill (GB, Williams) 1hr 21min 43.417sec; 2, J Alesi (Fr, Benetton) at 11.452sec; 3, J Villeneuve (Can, Williams) at 33.928sec; 4, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 41.517; 5, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren) 42.198; 6, R Barrichello (Br, Jordan) 1:42.099; 7, O Panis (Fr, Ligier) 1:43.912; 8, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Sauber) 1lap; 9, M Salo (Fin, Tyrrell); 10, M Brundle (GB, Jordan); 11, R Rosset (Br, Footwork) all same lap; 12, P Lamy (Por, Minardi) 2; 13, G Berger (Austria, Benetton) same lap.

DID NOT FINISH: E Irvine (Ire, Ferrari) 34 laps completed, J Herbert (GB, Sauber) 25; P Diniz (Br, Ligier) 19; U Katayama (Japan, Tyrrell) 19; M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren) 13; J Verstappen (Holl, Footwork) 0.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Hill 73pts; 2, Villeneuve 52; 3, Alesi 31; 4, Schumacher 29; 5, Coulthard 18; 6 equal, Berger and Hakkinen 16; 8 equal, Panis and Barrichello 11; 10, Irvine 9; 11, Frentzen 6; 12, Salo 5; 13, Herbert 4; 14, Brundle 3; 15 equal, Verstappen and Diniz 1. Constructors: 1, Williams 125pts; 2, Benetton 47, 3, Ferrari 38; 4, McLaren 34; 5, Jordan 14; 6, Ligier 12, 7, Sauber 10, 8, Tyrrell 5; 9, Footwork 1.

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Aug 11: Hungarian, Budapest. Aug 25: Belgian, Spa-Francorchamps. Sept 8: Italian, Monza. Sept 22: Portuguese, Estoril. Oct 13: Japanese, Suzuka.

POLO

Familiarity breeds control for England

BY JOHN WATSON

HERALDED by a musical ride performed by the Household Cavalry and the band of the Welsh Guards, a young England team pivoted on the veteran all-England captain, Howard Hipwood, defeated Brazil 8-4 on the thirteenth Cartier international day, staged by the Hurlingham Association and the Guards Club at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday.

Brazil, under the captaincy of Silvio Novaes, deployed a quartet of similar aggregate handicap to the 23-goal English. Both sides were well mounted from the superb string of ponies belonging to a variety of high-goal team patrons; the Englishmen, however, had the advantage of being more familiar with their mounts as Brazil had not seen theirs before. The Brazilian players, masters of ball control, employed a co-ordinated team game with excellent backing up and marking. Yet Andre Diniz, the No 3, sent most of their penalty shots wide and his team-mates were little better at shooting from the open.

The English forwards, Henry Brett and Julian Daniels, kept well up the field to receive passes, marked their opposite numbers tenaciously and rarely failed in front of goal. Hipwood and his back, Adrian Wade, gave a classic performance in defence and both scored penalty goals. Yet it was largely a matter of being better acquainted with their ponies that gave England their triumph.

After the Queen had presented the Coronation Cup to the winners, the competitors for the Prince Philip Trophy rode onto the pitch. These were Kerry Packer's Ellerston White, who had won the Queen's Cup last month, and Brook Johnson's team, CS Brooks, who beat them in the final of the British Open championships.

ENGLAND: 1 J Daniels (5); 2 H Brett (5); 3 H Hipwood (8); back: A Wade (6).
BRAZIL: 1 R Mamata (6); 2 J Junqeira (6); 3 A Diniz (7); back: S Novaes (5).
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1 J Daniels (5); 2 J Novillo Astrada (7); 3 C Gracida (10); back: D Smith (1).
CS BROOKS: 1 J Fisher (1); 2 I Heguy (9); 3 E Heguy (10); back: S Dawnay (1).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Clubs warn nations of player conflict

IF, as seems likely, England and the other three home unions go their separate ways, the Celtic nations have no guarantee that those of their players contracted to English rugby union clubs will be released for international duties (David Hands writes).

Yesterday's meeting at Heathrow of the English Professional Rugby Clubs Ltd (Epruc) left open a definite decision on whether such international players would take part in the proposed home-and-away-four nations' tournament that is scheduled to replace the five nations' championship if England's expulsion stands.

Epruc's main fire is reserved for the European Rugby Cup, in particular with matters involving the release of funding and the timescale of binding involvement.

Biela triumph

Motor racing: Frank Biela, the World Cup champion, yesterday scored his first victory in the *Auto Trader* British touring car championship since his four-wheel drive Audi A4 was given an additional weight handicap two months ago. Biela, of Germany, won the seventeenth round of the 26-race series at Knockhill in Scotland.

Surrey survive

Bowls: Surrey, who have won the Middleton Cup more often than any other county, qualified for the last four again with a 123-118 win over Hampshire at Chesham on Saturday. They will play Worcestershire at Worthing on August 31. The other semi-final is between Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire.

Marion record

Shooting: Alain Marion, a policeman from Hull, Quebec, won the Queen's Prize at the Bisley imperial rifle meeting on Saturday with a record score of 298.51, becoming the first person since Arthur Fulton, in 1931, to win the Prize for a third time.

BOWLS

New professionals will call the shots

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE announcement yesterday that the world's leading lawn and carpet bowlers have appointed Bill Sinrich, of Trans World International (TWI), to negotiate on their behalf, might have come as a blow to traditionalists, who saw the ancient sport as one of amateurism's last bastions.

This has been a bloodless revolution, however. Richard Corsie, chairman of the Professional Bowls Association (PBA), and his colleagues, far from treating their sport's governing bodies with disrespect, have included them in a deal they are calling the World Bowls Tour (WBT).

Corsie, aged 28, perfectly reflects the new image of the professional bowler: young, ambitious, and with a head for business. Yesterday, the Commonwealth Games champion, and three-times winner of the world indoor singles title, not always known for his diplomacy, tactfully paid tribute to the role already played by the World Bowls Board (WBB) and its indoor equivalent, the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC).

"We have produced a plan which will not only increase the profile of the game, but will bring tangible benefits to everyone connected with bowls," he said. "But, we didn't want to break away from the establishment, so we sought the co-operation of the WBB and WIBC, who have done a lot to develop the game as a televised sport, and we are delighted they have supported our ideas so enthusiastically."

Jimmy Davidson, the secretary of the WIBC, claimed his association is "happy to join with the PBA in this exciting new venture," while David Johnson, the WBB secretary, added: "The players' initiative is to be applauded. We hope the Tour will become a major force in the development of the game at the highest level."

Davidson confirmed yesterday that TWI has already negotiated a new, much-improved three-year contract with the BBC, covering their two existing events, the world indoor championships and the International Open.

As an interim measure, the WIBC will continue to control the 1997 world indoor championships, which will be played from January 19 to February 2, but, thereafter, all major televised events will be controlled by the Tour, which will be run by a chief executive yet to be appointed.

The WBT board will have an independent chairman, and will comprise representatives of the WBB, WIBC and PBA. The short-term aim will be to increase the number of televised events, maximise the opportunities for the world's leading players, and assist the WBB and WIBC in the further world-wide promotion of bowls.

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GOLF: CHAMPION SURVIVES A HAT-TRICK OF BOGEYS IN FINAL ROUND TO RETAIN HIS TITLE BY A COMFORTABLE MARGIN

Barnes reaps rich reward from senior service

FROM MEL WEBB AT ROYAL PORTRUSH

A YEAR ago, Brian Barnes was taken to a three-hole play-off before winning the Senior British Open at the first attempt. There was no such drama yesterday as he completed a resounding defence of his title by winning with a closing round of 74 and a total of 277, 11 under par.

With lashing rain making the conditions here thoroughly nasty, Barnes's description of the Dunluce course the day before as "a lion waiting to roar" did not quite come to be, but there was still more than the odd soggy growl blowing in the wind.

Although Barnes ultimately won in some style, this closing day was not without its alarms and excursions. From the 4th, for three holes in succession, the course reared up on its hind legs and claimed bogeys from the defending champion. He needed, he said, "a good kick up the pants" and, having administered it to himself, there was to be only one more extravagance in the rest of his round.

Barnes was pushed for a long time by Bob Charles, the left-handed New Zealander who has won more than $5 million (about £3.25 million) in seniors golf in the 11 years since he turned 50.

Charles, twice a winner of this championship, closed the gap to one shot when he birdied the 8th, but failed to push home the psychological advantage he might have had at that moment and could only match Barnes's 74 to finish the day as he had started it, three strokes behind.

David Oakley, a former furniture salesman from Orlando, Florida, finished level with Charles to earn himself £30,380, ten times as much as he ever won in a single week's work as a professional golfer. Tommy Horton, the leading Englishman, let his grip on a share of third place slip when he bogeyed the last to finish on seven under.

This win, worth £58,330, has taken Barnes's earnings on both sides of the Atlantic this year to almost £340,000, barely £100,000 less than he collected during 31 years and ten victories on the PGA European Tour.

With one more tournament commitment to come in Europe and ten more in the United States, he needs only the slightest of following breezes to beat his regular tour career total in one year. They are figures that highlight the crock of gold that awaits senior golfers these days.

Notwithstanding that hat-trick of bogeys on the front nine, the scariest moment for Barnes came at the 13th, when he thinned his wedge from 85 yards over the back of the green, played a dreadful chip back to the front of the green, chipped and two-putted for a double-bogey six. "It was diabolical," he said. "The shots of a rank amateur."

That brought Oakley back to one shot behind, but the slightly-built American let shots slip on the difficult long par-three 14th, which not for nothing is known as "Calamity", and the long 17th. His bogey there was the first time he had dropped a shot all week on any of the course's par-fives, which he played in 13 under par. "I enjoyed my day and felt a lot more confident than I thought I would, especially playing with Brian and Bob," Oakley said.

Barnes was shaken at the 13th, and admitted it when he had sunk the last putt. In retrospect, it might have been the spur he needed, for his game tightened palpably in the home stretch as he ground out five pars to complete a famous victory.

"I'm more than delighted that I managed to win again," Barnes said. "I don't think it will hit me properly until I get home, though.

"My one regret is that I didn't manage to finish the tournament with a sub-par round. I wasn't really happy with the way I played, to be honest." Some people are never satisfied.

Jenkins the bag carrier takes centre stage

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

WARREN BLADON, the Amateur champion from Kenilworth, may or may not be striding the fairways of the Notts Golf Club at Hollinwell this morning. He will certainly not be playing in the first round of the 66th English Amateur Championship for the simple reason that he forgot to enter, but he thought he would probably be caddying for Gareth Jenkins, his Warwickshire county team-mate.

Bladon was still unsure of his plans yesterday morning. "I still have to speak to Gareth," he said.

Jenkins, who carried Bladon's bag to victory in the Amateur Championship at Turnberry and was on duty again during the Open Championship at Royal Lytham, is already planning his trip to Augusta in April to do the job again at the Masters, but for the moment playing takes precedence.

Jenkins could have his work cut out today against James Hepworth, a 6ft 6in Yorkshireman. Hepworth, the North of England Youths' champion, spent the winter in South Africa, based at the Wanderers club in Johannesburg, and improved his game no end. "I understand he's a good player," Jenkins said, "but they all are."

There are a lot of them, too — 256 players have entered for a first round that spreads over two days. Bladon is not overly fond of the all-matchplay format and an 18-hole match is a great leveller, not always favouring the best players. The final on Saturday will be 36 holes but getting there is the trick.

Five of the eight seeds will be in action today: Mike Reynard, runner-up in the Amateur Championship last year; Peter Fenton, winner of the Brabazon Trophy, the English Open Amateur Strokeplay Championship, earlier this year; Gary Wolstenholme, the former Amateur champion who starred in the Walker Cup victory at Royal Porthcawl last year; Paul Streeter, the international from Sleaford and Karl Wallbank, a Lancastrian, who made his international debut against France at Sunningdale in May.

Mark Foster, the champion for the past two years, has turned professional, an option that was rarely considered by good amateurs in 1964 —, the last time that the championship was held at Hollinwell. Then, David Marsh beat Rodney Foster by one hole and Marsh, president of the English Golf Union in 1988, will be back again this week as a selector for the England boys' team.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE RACE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m) 1, Hammerstein (Mrs S Eddery, 6-1); 2, Green Green Desert (7-2), 3, Russian Music (2-1 fav) 13 ran Hd, 3½l. M Stoute Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.50, £1.30. DF £9.20 Trio £9.50. CSF £24.83.

2.35 (6f) 1. Seebe (M Hills, 6-1); 2. Moonlight Paradise (11-2) 3, Randancing (12-1) Imroz 11-10 fav 8 ran. Shd, 4l. I Balding. Tote, £7.30; £1.90, £1.60, £1.90 DF £16.90 CSF £35.82

3.05 (6f) 1, Revoque (J Reid, 7-2); 2, She-Take (20-1); 3, Shawaf (11-4 fav) 9 ran ½l, 5l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote £5.20; £2.10, £3.60, £1.60. DF £52.30. Trio £61.60 CSF. £57.78

3.50 (1m 4f) See facing page

4.30 (1m 2f) 1, Behaviour (J Reid, 10-1). 2. Hoh Express (14-1), 3, Sheer Danzig (13-2) Clan Ben 4-1 fav. 11 ran NR Ellie Ardensky 1½l, 2½l. Mrs J Cecil Tote £11.00; £3.40, £4.40 £2.60. DF £74.10. Trio £162.50. CSF £119.90 Tricast £889.58.

5.00 (1m) 1. Yeast (R Cochrane, 7-2 fav); 2, Master Charter (7-1); 3, Wakeel (33-1) 12 ran. 3l, nk. W Haggas. Tote £4.10; £1.70, £2.20, £7.10. DF £12.80 Trio £347.70 CSF £27.43 Tricast £641.82.

5.35 (1m 4f) 1. Better Offer (M J Kinane, 6-1); 2. Beyond Doubt (6-1); 3, Leading Spirit (6-1). Easy Listening 9-2 fav. 12 ran. ½l, nk. G Harwood Tote £7.70; £2.50, £2.20, £2.30 DF £19.40 Trio £51.60. CSF £40.43 Tricast £207.74

Jackpot: £26,954.90 (part won; pool of £30,371.78 carried forward to Windsor today).

Placepot: £58.10. Quadpot: £15.50.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, Mujova (F Lynch, 5-1), 2, Pencies (7-1); 3, Head Girl (16-1) Rock The Casbah 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran 2l, nk. R Hollinshead. Tote £8.40, £2.00, £1.70 £6.00. DF: £28.10 Trio. £251.30. CSF £43.93

2.50 (1m 2f 32yd) 1. Bulsara (D McKeown, 11-2), 2. Villeggiatura (14-1); 3, New Albion (25-1) Maid For Baileys 11-4 fav 10 ran NR Superpredo 1½l, ¾l C Fairhurst Tote: £6.80; £2.20, £3.20, £8.80. DF: £68.40 Trio £459.50. CSF. £71.59. Tricast: £1,615.93.

3.25 (6f) 1, Perfect Bliss (J Fortune, 7-1). 2, Fearless Cavalier (8-1), 3, Coscorrobs (9-1) Vestrapong 9-4 fav 10 ran ¾l, 4l P Evans Tote: £8.50; £2.00, £2.10, £2.20. DF £36.10. Trio. £148.20 CSF. £65.18

4.00 (7f) 1, Ikamal (W Ryan, 3-1 jt-fav); 2. Dance Sequence (20-1); 3, Branston Abby (7-1) Kahir Almaydan 3-1 jt-fav 9 ran 3l, hd, E Dunlop Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £4.00, £1.80 DF: £61.00 Trio: £125.30. CSF £55.51

4.35 (1m 3yd) 1, Great Bear (Mrs C Williams, 13-2); 2, Mezzoramio (10-1); 3, Scraiben (13-8 fav) 11 ran. Hd, 1½l, D Chapman Tote £8.60; £2.60, £2.90, £1.60 DF £62.40 Trio: £39.20. CSF £70.72. Tricast. £147.26

5.05 (5f) 1, Laurel Delight (P Roberts, 13-2), 2, Insider Trader (9-1), 3, For The Present (14-1). Time To Tango 9-2 fav 15 ran Hd, nk. J Berry. Tote. £7.40 £2.50, £4.20, £4.10 DF: £56.60 Trio. £526.00 CSF £89.40 Tricast. £767.00

Placepot: £4,663.40. Quadpot: £50.50.

Lingfield Park

6.10 1, Hareb (7-2); 2, Docklands Courier (5-2 fav); 3, Nakhal (4-1). 9 ran.

6.40 1, Lunar Music (7-2), 2, Hoh Surprise (5-2 fav), 3, Dozen Roses (33-1) 8 ran

7.10 1, Saloemah (11-8) 2, Farmost (6-5 fav), 3, Rise Up Singing (7-1). 5 ran NR Honorable Estate,

7.40 1, Sterling Follow (11-2), 2, Influence Peddler (3-1), 3, Serious Trust (11-8 fav) 6 ran.

8.10 1 Whatever's Right (6-4 fav); 2, La Tansani (7-2), 3, Hawaii Storm (14-1). 7 ran

8.40 1, Two Socks (9-2); 2, Spinning Mouse (11-4); 3 South Wind (5-1). Allstars Express 7-4 fav 5 ran.

Southwell

6.25 1, Glow Forum (6-1); 2, Shirley Sue (8-11 fav); 3, Moonlight Calypso (8-1). 13 ran

6.55 1, Perpetual (5-2); 2, Jingoist (14-1); 3 Eager To Please (9-4 fav). 8 ran.

7.25 1, Lucky Oakwood (9-2); 2, Davis Rock (15-8 fav); 3, Dizzy Tilly (3-1). 7 ran.

7.55 1, Barnack Yard (7-1), 2, Desert Invader (9-1), 3 Elton Ledger (6-1 jt-fav); 4, Seeking Destiny (16-1). Ism 6-1 jt-fav. 16 ran

8.25 1, Another Quarter (4-5 fav); 2, Slippery Fin (4-1), 3, Comedie Anele (40-1) 9 ran

8.55 1, Queens Check (5-1), 2, Need You Badly (9-4 fav), 3, Runs In The Family (6-1) 13 ran

Stratford

2.25 1, Courour (6-5 fav); 2, Karinska (5-1); 3, I Have Him (5-1). 7 ran.

3.00 1, Stately Home (10-11 fav); 2, Distant Memory (7-2), 3, Telmar Systems (20-1) 6 ran.

3.35 1, Ivy Edith (4-1), 2, Faustino (5-4 fav), 3, Star Market (11-4). 7 ran.

4.10 1, Maple Dancer (9-1); 2, Magic Bloom (13-2), 3, Channel Pastime (11-1). The Blue Boy 4-1 fav 12 ran

4.45 1, Elite Reg (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Santolla Boy (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Miss Pimpernel (11-2), 8 ran.

5.20 1, Silver Sleeve (5-1), 2, Sparts Fault (9-2); 3, Mutley (100-30 jt-fav) Pembridge Place 100-30 jt-fav. 6 ran

☐ Ocean Ridge (10-9 on) made all for a 2½-length success in the group two Prix Robert Papin (5f 110yd) at Maisons-Laffitte on Saturday. The filly paid a compliment to Dazzle, who had beaten her by five lengths in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket.

☐ Hollywood Dream (John Reid) pulled off an 18-1 upset when beating Posidonas by a short head in the £81,081 Deutschlandpreis-50 Jahre Nordrhein-Westfalen (1m 4f) at Dusseldorf yesterday.

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RACING: KING GEORGE WINNER LOOKS DESTINED FOR THE FAR EAST AFTER BREEDERS' CUP TILT

Japanese keen to purchase Pentire

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Japanese want to buy Pentire, winner of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, and so add the Geoff Wragg-trained colt to their burgeoning collection of top British racehorses at stud in the Far East.

More than one bid has been made for Britain's new middle-distance champion and preliminary negotiations have been conducted with potential buyers from Japan prior to the King George. Indeed, according to one source not connected with the talks, a deal was agreed around two weeks ago involving two Japanese syndicates which joined forces to make a multi-million dollar offer. However, such speculation would appear to be wide of the mark.

However, the odds are that Pentire will become the latest big-race winner from Britain to end up in Japan after his racing days are over. The huge wealth of the Japanese racing industry, financed by a Tote style off-course betting monopoly, has already resulted in the exodus of Britain's best recent champions.

Even Sheikh Mohammed found it impossible earlier this month to refuse an offer of $30 million for Lammtarra, winner of the Derby, the King George and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last season. The unbeaten son of Nijinsky, who beat Pentire in the King George 12 months ago, joined a long list of British exports to Japan including the four previous winners of the Derby — Generous, Dr Devious, Commander In Chief and Erhaab.

In addition to the Japanese demand for the best bloodstock, the sale of Pentire for a substantial sum would guarantee that the chocolate and gold silks of Mollers Racing will continue to grace the Turf well into the 21st Century.

When the late Eric Moller set up a trust in 1988 to finance the running of a few horses in the family name, even he could not have dreamt of the success that would follow. A handful of shrewd purchases by John Ferguson, the bloodstock agent, and trained by Wragg has produced astonishing results. Petardia, Nicolotte, First Trump, First Island and Pentire, who cost 54,000 guineas, have all won group races.

First Trump, winner of the July, Richmond and Middle Park Stakes in 1993, was subsequently sold to the National Stud, while Nicolotte and Petardia were bought by Irish studs. The proceeds from those sales went back into the Mollers' trust, enabling more horses to be bought. Hence the probable willingness to sell Pentire to Japan at the end of his racing career.

After Pentire had beaten Classic Cliche and Shaamit in the fastest King George time since the famous duel involving Grundy and Bustino 21 years earlier, Wragg indicated the Breeders' Cup Turf in Canada is a more likely end-of-season target than the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "It's 50-50 whether we go for the Arc because he is a horse that likes fast ground and it is normally soft at the Arc. We will have to play it by ear but I am looking forward to Toronto," he said.

Despite a tardy start which resembled the Hamlet cigar advert and cost Pentire many lengths, Michael Hills gradually made up lost ground as the visored Annus Mirabilis set a scorching gallop for his Godolphin stablemate, Classic Cliche. The Gold Cup winner forged ahead a quarter of a mile from home, but Hills, who deliberately followed Pat Eddery and Shaamit into the straight, cruised up alongside and, after hitting the front at the furlong pole, won convincingly.

Classic Cliche battled on gamely to finish a length and three quarters away in second spot and, given easier ground at Longchamp, looks to have a good chance of winning the Arc, for which he is now 8-1 second favourite with Coral.

Shaamit was only a neck away in third and, given the ten-length gap between him and the fourth-placed Oscar Schindler, the Derby winner almost certainly ran the best race of his career.

William Haggas was delighted with the performance and hopes to give the lightly-raced colt one more run this term, possibly in the Irish Champion Stakes. "He is still immature and will make a terrific four-year-old. Like his sire, Mtoto, he will get better with age," Haggas said.

Let us hope Haggas is right, and the Japanese do not make early moves to buy their sixth successive Derby winner.

JULIAN HERBERT

Hills signals another big-race triumph as Pentire storms clear in the King George at Ascot on Saturday

BIG-RACE RESULT

3.50 KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group I £294,600 1m 4f)
PENTIRE b c Be My Guest - Gull Nook (Mollers Racing) 4-9-7 M Hills (100-30) 1.
Classic Cliche b c Salse - Pato (Godolphin) 4-9-7 M J Kinane (5-1) 2.
Shaamit b c Mtoto - Shomoose (K Dasmal) 3-8-9 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) 3.
ALSO RAN 7 Strategic Choice, 10 Oscar Schindler (4th), 11 Farasan (6th), 14 Luso (6th), 33 Annus Mirabilis (5th). 8 ran 1¾l, nk, 10l, 11l, 1½l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote £3.90. £1.50. £1.90. £1.60. DF £7.90 CSF £18.66

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CHILI CONCERTO
(8.10 Windsor)
Next best: Tillyard
(3.00 Brighton)

Unearthing the guests on Wakeham's invitation list

RICHARD EVANS

Racing Commentary

Just imagine the noses which will be put out of joint and the crushed egos when Lord Wakeham decides who will be on his new Horseracing Advisory Group (HAG), which is to meet regularly with the Home Secretary to chew over the industry's problems and future.

The chairman of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) will not make his final decision about the quartet to join him and Michael Howard round the table at Queen Anne's Gate until after the holiday season, but a quick examination of the role of this new informal grouping offers some clues as to those within racing's great and good who can expect the call — and those who will be left on the sidelines.

Conceived partly in anticipation of the disappointment which might be felt at the Government's decision not to hand over the Tote to racing — after objections from the Treasury among others — the unfortunately-named HAG is likely to fulfil two roles.

First, it will be an informal forum which brings bookmakers and the horse racing industry closer together. *Wakeham has suggested to* colleagues that the unbreakable link between gambling and horse racing — and the Home Secretary's statutory role in regulating betting — means that the group can help Howard to bring closer the interplay and concerns of the bookmakers with those of the racing industry.

Second, and perhaps more importantly, the informal nature of HAG and the stature of those sitting around the table will mean objective advice can be proffered, rather than delivering partisan views or demands on behalf of a particular industry sector. For ministers, the background to an issue or problem is critical. Rather than present a case to Howard, Wakeham and his colleagues will tell him the realities which often lie behind a submission, or the reason for conflicting proposals.

For example, racing and the betting industry both believe in the need for the Government to cut betting duty but cannot agree on a joint pre-Budget submission.

HAG would be able to tell Howard the reason: that if bookmakers backed racing's demand for part of the cash released by a betting duty cut to go towards increasing prize-money, it would amount to tacit acknowledgement by bookmakers that racing was underfunded — and thereby prejudice their case in the next levy negotiations.

Similarly, HAG will be able to comment freely on the performance of organisations like the Levy Board and the Tote, whose principal members are appointed directly by the Government.

This means there is unlikely to be any room around the table for Sir John Sparrow or Lord Wyatt's successor as chairman of the Tote. And as three members of the BHB want to become the new Tote chairman, it would be difficult for the board to recommend HAG members.

Almost certainly, the majority on the new group will be racehorse owners, ranging from small to large, but not necessarily representatives of the Racehorse Owners' Association. Sorry, Peter Savill, Sir Eric Parker, Bill Gredley *et al.*

It will be necessary to have someone with experience of racing management, and ideally with knowledge of the media. Perhaps, someone who can take a slighty detached view. Possibly, someone recently retired.

One member is likely to belong to the Jockey Club, while the last person will be close to the bookmaking scene and capable of looking beyond the interests of BOLA: Tom Kelly and John Brown of William Hill are 33-1 shots.

Lord Hartington, a substantial owner-breeder and the BHB's first chairman, is a odds-on certainty in my book. As for the remaining trio, answers on a postcard please.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.30 Grovefair Maiden. 3.00 TARNEEM (nap). 3.30 Ragsak Jameel. *4.00 Global Dancer.* 4.30 Dark Menace. 5.00 Midnight Spell.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW BEST SIS

2.30 RAGGETTS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 209yd) (6 runners)
1 2680 BELLAF 7 (B) M W Easterby 8-11 Pat Eddery 2
2 5210 DON'T FORGET SHOKA 3 (S) J Moore 8-11 W J O'Connor 4
3 0210 GROVEFAIR MAIDEN 5 (B,BF,F) B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle 3
4 JAY-GEE-EM R Guest 8-6 J Reid 1
5 005 POLY DANCER 10 M Channon 8-6 C Rutter 5
6 3002 SUPER SCRAVELS 10 (BF) J Scargill 8-6 M Fenton 6
2-1 Bellaf, 3-1 Don't Forget Shoka, Grovefair Maiden, 5-1 Super Scravels, 6-1 others.

3.00 DAILY STAR MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(£3,662: 7f 214yd) (5)
1 DAZZLING D O'Brien 3-8-11 G Bardwell 4
2 -333 HULM 34 H Thomson Jones 3-8-11 R Hills 3
3 6-4 LADY ISABELL 13 S Dow 3-8-11 A Daly (5) 1
4 6022 TARNEEM 25 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 2
5 02 TILLYARD 48 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 J Reid 5
7-4 Tarneem, 2-1 Tillyard, 3-1 Hulm, 5-1 Lady Isabell, 25-1 Dazzling

3.30 BRIGHTON SUMMER CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap: £3,207: 1m 3f 196yd) (6)
1 10-0 SWEET PAVLOVA 79 (F) P Cole 4-9-10 M Henry (3) 3
2 0261 GREENWICH AGAIN 13 (CD,F,G) T Mills 4-9-6 Pat Eddery 1
3 3504 PRINCE DANZIG 12 (CD,F,G) D Murray Smith 5-9-6 J Reid 6
4 0242 RAGSAK JAMEEL 9 (V) W Hern 3-9-1 R Hills 4
5 0630 CHARLIE BIGTIME 38 (B,H,D,F,G) R Harris 6-8-2 A Mackay 2
6 060- DISTANT STORM 289 (C,F) M Bell 3-7-13 G Bardwell 5
Evens Greenwich Again, 7-4 Ragsak Jameel, 6-1 Prince Danzig, 8-1 Sweet Pavlova, 20-1 Distant Storm, 25-1 Charlie Bigtime

4.00 BEAU BRUMMEL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,381: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)
1 0240 WET PATCH 8J (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-13 R Hughes 1
2 2631 SHABANAZ 14 (CD,F,G,S) W Muir 11-9-5 J Reid 5
3 -006 GLOBAL DANCER 14 (F,G) S Dow 5-9-1 A Daly (5) 2
4 5004 PRINCE RUDOLF 12 (V,C,G) W G M Turner 4-9-1 Amanda Sanders (5) 3
5 -352 SIESTA TIME 11 C Popham 6-8-8 B Doyle 4
2-1 Shabanaz, 3-1 Siesta Time, 4-1 Global Dancer, Wet Patch, 7-1 Prince Rudolf

4.30 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS JULY HANDICAP (£3,070: 5f 213yd) (6)
1 4423 RED ADMIRAL 6 (D,F,G) C Murray 6-9-11 M Tebbutt 3
2 0130 ALWAYS GRACE 17 (CD,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-7 R Cochrane 6
3 5225 JAAZIM 19 (D,G) M Madgwick 6-9-2 Paul Eddery 1
4 3106 SHARP IMP 13 (B,CD,F,G) R Flower 6-8-13 D Biggs 4
5 -001 DARK MENACE 12 (CD,F) E Wheeler 4-8-9 A Daly (5) 5
6 1242 LORINS GOLD 35 (CD,F) A Turnell 6-8-2 M Henry (3) 2
11-4 Dark Menace, 3-1 Red Admiral, 4-1 Lorins Gold, 9-2 Jaazim, 5-1 Sharp Imp, 8-1 Always Grace

5.00 FITZHERBERT HANDICAP
(£2,381: 5f 59yd) (6)
1 0502 MIDNIGHT SPELL 12 J Hills 4-10-0 M Henry (3) 6
2 2208 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 14 (G) E Wheeler 4-8-8 S Whitworth 1
3 0-05 TACHYCARDIA 17 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-13 D Biggs 4
4 0005 HARRIET'S BEAU 9 (B) M W Easterby 3-7-11 Dale Gibson 3
5 -000 ELRAAS 14 (V) H Collingridge 4-7-10 N Adams 2
6 -000 WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 11 P Pritchard 6-7-10 Jo Hunnam (7) 5
2-1 Harriet's Beau, 9-4 Midnight Spell, Tachycardia, 8-1 Elraas, 14-1 Another Batchworth, 33-1 Woodlands Electric.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; R Flower, 7 from 31, 22.6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 14, 21.4%; D Murray-Smith, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Bell, 8 from 43, 18.6%; R O'Sullivan, 12 from 67, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 26 winners from 91 rides, 28.6%; R Hughes, 10 from 51, 19.6%; R Hills, 6 from 36, 16.7%; A Daly, 5 from 31, 16.1%; B Doyle, 13 from 89, 14.6%; J Reid, 20 from 138, 14.5%.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.15 Gopi. 6.40 Lady Sabina. 7.10 Prima Silk. 7.40 Elly Fleetfoot. 8.10 Ellens Lad. 8.40 Mellottie.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 Watch The Fire.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

6.15 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,332: 5f 217yd) (9 runners)
101 (8) CODE B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle —
102 (1) LAKE SPRING R Hodges 8-11 A Mackay —
103 (9) 46 VICTORY AT HART 25 I Campbell 8-11 T Ives 66
104 (3) 0 APRIL IN PARIS 29 C James 8-6 C Rutter —
105 (7) 206 CHARLTON SPRING 19 R Hodges 8-6 J Quinn 91
106 (6) 425 GOPI 10 R Hannon 8-6 Pat Eddery [illegible]
107 (5) KOORDINAITE W Musson 8-6 A McGlone —
108 (2) 0244 NIGHTINGALE SONG 11 (BF) M Meade 8-6 J Reid 90
109 (4) 05 WEDDING MUSIC 18 P Haslam 8-6 J Stack —
5-4 Gopi, 5-1 Nightingale Song, 6-1 Charlton Spring, 10-1 Koordinaite, April In Paris, 12-1 others.

6.40 TING HANDICAP (£3,193: 1m 2f 7yd) (14)
201 (14) 1213 MONTONE 18 (V,BF,F,G,S) J Jenkins 6-9-11 Pat Eddery 94
202 (6) 0240 PREMIER LEAGUE 12 (D,G,S) J Long 6-9-7 T Field (7) 98
203 (9) 5000 FIGHTING TIMES 19 C Smith 4-9-6 C Rutter 97
204 (13) 2250 TALENTED TING 9 (D,F,G) P Haslam 7-9-5 R Hughes 92
205 (12) 2253 CLASSIC COLOURS 55 R Harris 3-9-5 A Mackay 90
206 (3) 1052 *DOUBLE UP 12 (D,G) Lady Herries 3-9-4 P Doe (7)* 94
207 (11) 0053 PRINCESS DANIELLE 7 (D,F,S) W Muir 4-9-3 J Reid [illegible]
208 (10) 4-41 MISTER O'GRADY 12 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-0 S Sanders 97
209 (8) 0136 GET TOUGH 24 (D,F) S Dow 3-8-13 B Thomson 97
210 (2) -061 ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 66 (D,F) Mrs B Waring 3-8-9 F Norton 92
211 (7) 0333 BAKERS DAUGHTER 14 (G) J Arnold 4-8-8 A Clark 98
212 (5) 4006 FASTINI GOLD 21 M Usher 4-8-6 B Doyle 95
213 (1) 3125 RUNIC SYMBOL 12 (D,BF,F) M Blanshard 5-8-3 J Quinn 96
214 (4) 4005 LADY SABINA 9 (D,G) W Musson 6-7-10 D O'Shea 95
7-2 Mister O'Grady, 5-1 Classic Colours, 6-1 Double Up, Princess Danielle, 8-1 Absolutelystunning, Runic Symbol, 10-1 others

7.10 JP FRUIT DISTRIBUTORS FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,695: 5f 217yd) (11) SKY
301 (1) 4500 FANTASY RACING 5 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-10-0 R Hughes 92
302 (2) 4100 PETIT POINT 16 (CD,F) R Hannon 3-9-9 Pat Eddery 90
303 (9) 4020 PRIMA SILK 28 (D,F,G) M Ryan 5-9-7 B Doyle 98
304 (4) 3301 KIND OF LIGHT 10 (D,F,G) R Guest 3-9-6 J Reid [illegible]
305 (11) 321 WATCH THE FIRE 19 (D,G) J Banks 3-9-6 J Stack 90
306 (8) 0500 PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 18 I Campbell 4-9-2 A Clark 96
307 (3) 5043 POLLY GOLIGHTLY 16 (F,G) M Blanshard 3-9-0 R Cochrane 92
308 (10) 600- PRIMELTA 322 R Akehurst 3-8-12 S Sanders —
309 (7) -000 SPANDREL 35 H Candy 4-8-9 C Rutter 84
310 (5) 4050 NELLIE NORTH 14 (C,G) G McCourt 3-8-8 B Thomson 93
311 (6) 0500 *KOWTOW 11 M Usher 3-8-2 R Street* 92
4-1 Kind Of Light, 5-1 Watch The Fire, Polly Golightly, 6-1 Prima Silk, 8-1 Petit Point, Spandrel, Fantasy Racing, 10-1 others.

7.40 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR HANDICAP (£3,046: 1m 3f 135yd) (14) SKY
401 (3) 0414 ALMUHTARAM 4 (B,D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0 R Cochrane 94
402 (10) -001 NEWPORT KNIGHT 28 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-13 S Sanders 90
403 (2) 0000 MANCINI 18 (F) M Bell 3-9-5 M Fenton 98
404 (11) 0000 ABTAAL 72 (G) R Hodges 6-9-3 J Quinn 90
405 (7) 2441 FABULOUS MTOTO 10 (CD,F,G) M Saunders 6-9-2 R Perham 91
406 (4) 4201 VICTORIA'S SECRET 7 (S) M Channon 4-9-1 (5ex) R Hughes [illegible]
407 (13) 0023 ELLY FLEETFOOT 7 (B,CD,G) M Ryan 4-8-12 B Doyle 93
408 (1) 0420 COMPASS POINTER 32 J Eustace 3-8-11 M Tebbutt 90
409 (6) 3035 SEVEN CROWNS 18 R Hannon 3-8-10 Pat Eddery 94
410 (9) 0513 PREMIER DANCE 29 (F,G) D Haydn Jones 9-8-7 A Mackay 90
411 (8) 4500 KINTWYN 23 (G) W Muir 6-8-5 J Reid 90
412 (12) -000 REITERATE 48 G Balding 3-8-0 N Adams 95
413 (5) 0000 BRONHALLOW 16 Mrs B Waring 3-7-13 F Norton 97
414 (14) -062 NOTHING DOING 7 (CD,G) W Musson 7-7-10 D O'Shea 91
7-2 Newport Knight, 5-1 Fabulous Mtoto, 7-1 Victoria's Secret, 8-1 Premier Dance, 10-1 Mancini, Almuhtaram, Nothing Doing, 12-1 others

8.10 SOUTHWAY FOR SCANIA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,518: 5f 10yd) (14) SKY
501 (11) 60 A BREEZE 18 D Morris 9-0 D Harrison 76
502 (10) 04 CRYHAVOC 10 J Arnold 9-0 C Rutter 98
503 (9) 0 ELLENS LAD 46 R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 82
504 (5) *FEVER GOLF CHARGER T Naughton 9-0 Paul Eddery* —
505 (12) 4 POW WOW 18 M Channon 9-0 R Hughes 79
506 (6) 3 SUMMERVILLE WOOD 31 P Mooney 9-0 C Scally (7) 59
507 (1) TOMBA B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle —
508 (14) 2 CHILI CONCERTO 33 P Makin 8-9 S Sanders [illegible]
509 (4) CHILLI BOOM T Naughton 8-9 A Clark —
510 (8) PINOFARINA M Meade 8-9 R Perham —
511 (7) SARABI J Pearce 8-9 G Bardwell —
512 (2) 3 SILCA KEY SILCA 103 M Channon 8-9 D Holland 94
513 (13) SYLVAN DANCER C Wall 8-9 J Reid —
514 (3) *WILD NETTLE J Fox 8-9* —
7-2 Chili Concerto, 6-1 Cryhavoc, 7-1 Pow Wow, 8-1 Silca Key Silca, 10-1 Ellens Lad, Tomba, 12-1 others.

8.40 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD CLAIMING STAKES (£2,787: 1m 67yd) (14)
601 (10) 1-40 MELLOTTIE 10 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 11-9-12 K Darley [illegible]
602 (11) 111- PLATINUM PLUS 337 (D,F,G) C Dwyer 4-9-12 C Dwyer —
603 (3) 2130 PERILOUS PLIGHT 13 (D,BF,F,G) W Muir 5-9-0 J Reid 89
604 (6) BRYANSTON SQUARE C Egerton 3-8-13 R Hughes —
605 (7) 6/0- PROUD BRIGADIER 300 (D,G) P Burgoyne 8-8-12 J Stack —
606 (9) 22-4 ANOTHER FIDDLE 14 (F) S Dow 6-8-10 B Thomson 81
607 (5) 0 KORALOONA 10 G Balding 3-8-10 M Wigham 63
608 (8) -060 MOYLOUGH REBEL 12 J Long 3-8-10 Leesa Long 69
609 (1) 0152 CAPE PIGEON 28 (V,CD,F,G,S) L Cottrell 11-8-9 D Holland 91
610 (14) RADICAL EXCEPTION D Williams 6-8-9 D Harrison —
611 (2) HIGHLY SPIRITED N Lampard 3-8-8 T Field (7) —
612 (13) CALANDRELLA G Balding 3-8-3 A McGlone —
613 (12) 4403 MOGIN 118 T Naughton 3-8-3 Paul Eddery 73
614 (4) 1605 HONORABLE ESTATE 16 (F) R Hannon 3-8-1 S Sanders 98
5-4 Mellottie, 7-1 Cape Pigeon, 8-1 Honorable Estate, Perilous Plight, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Guest, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; R Hannon, 49 from 247, 19.8%; H Candy, 7 from 41, 17.1%; L Cottrell, 4 from 30, 13.3%; P Makin, 5 from 40, 12.5%; C Wall, 4 from 34, 11.8%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 44 winners from 198 rides, 22.2%; J Reid, 23 from 159, 14.5%. Only qualifiers.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
6.25 Pearl Anniversary. 6.55 Carati. 7.25 I'm Your Lady. 7.55 Charlie Chang. 8.25 Pioneerhifidelity. 8.55 Tarry.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.25 CHEEKY CHAPPY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.55 CARATI (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.25 PINXTON MINERS SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,238: 1m 6f 15yd) (7 runners)
1 456P MISS PRAVDA 4 (F) B Llewellyn 9-7 V Slattery 4
2 2544 PEARL ANNIVERSARY 30 (G) M Johnston 9-5 J Weaver 5
3 -806 BRIGHTER BYFAAH 62 N Graham 9-0 K Fallon 3
4 0005 THE JOLLY BARMAID 28 P Calver 8-10 N Varley (3) 7
5 0-00 NO MORE HASSLE 21 Mrs M Reveley 8-5 A Culhane 2
6 -000 ALL IN GOOD TIME 17 C Thornton 8-3 G Duffield 6
7 0050 BELACQUA 3 (B) D Chapman 8-2 N Kennedy 1
7-2 Belacqua, 4-1 All In Good Time, 9-2 Brighter Byfaah, 5-1 Pearl Anniversary, No More Hassle, The Jolly Barmaid, 16-1 others.

6.55 GREASLEY MINERS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,762: 6f 15yd) (8)
1 4 CARATI 37 R Boss 8-5 G Duffield 3
2 CELEBRANT R Hannon 8-5 Dane O'Neill (3) 6
3 00 CHAMPAGNE ON ICE 81 P Evans 8-5 O Urbina 7
4 OAKBROOK ROSE B Smart 8-3 L Charnock 1
5 SCARLET CRESCENT P Walwyn 8-3 T Sprake 8
6 05 BLOOMSY BABE 23 J Dalon 8-2 G Hind 2
7 BESTELINA D Cosgrove 8-1 G Carter 4
8 CIRO'S PEARL M Tompkins 8-1 P Robinson 5
7-4 Carati, 11-4 Celebrant, 3-1 Scarlet Crescent, 7-1 Ciro's Pearl, 10-1 Bestelina, 12-1 Bloomsby Babe, 14-1 others.

7.25 RJB MINING HANDICAP SKY
(£3,794: 6f 15yd) (8)
1 1000 LATCHING 28 (D,F,G) R Johnson Houghton 4-10-0 T Sprake 4
2 56-0 KING RAT 16 (B,D,F,G) T Etherington 5-9-13 G Carter 8
3 04-0 HAWA AL NASAMAAT 123 (F) E Dunlop 4-9-11 W Ryan 2
4 2310 MUTADARRA 24 (B,D,G) R Armstrong 3-9-8 R Price 6
5 0040 HINTON ROCK 37 (B,F) A Bailey 4-9-7 J Weaver 7
6 1034 I'M YOUR LADY 10 (D,F) B McMahon 5-9-2 J Fortune 5
7 5313 CHEEKY CHAPPY 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-2 (7ex) G Duffield 1
8 2643 CAPTAIN CARAT 10 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11 K Fallon 3
5-2 Captain Carat, 11-4 Cheeky Chappy, 3-1 I'm Your Lady, 4-1 Latching, 8-1 Mutadarra, King Rat, 10-1 others.

7.55 ALLIED DUNBAR HANDICAP SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,960: 1m 54yd) (6)
1 1011 MAZCOBAR 38 (CD,F,G) P Makin 9-7 W Ryan 2
2 -404 SALMIS 30 (S) J Fanshawe 9-2 N Varley (3) 1
3 4506 CHARLIE CHANG 4 (BF,D,G) R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 6
4 3403 LACHESIS 17 R Hollinshead 8-4 F Lynch (3) 5
5 000 GOOSEBERRY PIE 48 R Charlton 8-3 T Sprake 3
6 4010 GILLING DANCER 11 (D,BF,F) P Calver 7-13 N Carlisle 4
15-8 Mazcobar, 11-4 Lachesis, 7-2 Salmis, 13-2 Charlie Chang, 10-1 Gooseberry Pie, 12-1 Gilling Dancer.

8.25 CLIPSTONE MINERS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,043: 1m 2f) (10)
1 02 AGDISTIS 11 H Thomson Jones 8-11 G Carter 2
2 00 COUNTESS OF CADIZ 28 T Kersey 8-11 N Carlisle 6
3 0 FREDDIE'S RECALL 21 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 S Drowne (3) 7
4 6000 HAWANAFA 14 R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 9
5 LOCKET J Bennett 8-11 J Weaver 10
6 PIONEERHIFIDELITY H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 4
7 2 REHAAB 11 A Stewart 8-11 S Whitworth 3
8 05 RENO'S TREASURE 9 J A Harris 8-11 T Sprake 1
9 6 SOPHIE LOCKETT 11 K Hogg 8-11 D McKeown 8
10 WEST-HATCH-SPIRIT S Knight 8-11 V Slattery 5
5-4 Pioneerhifidelity, 5-2 Agdistis, 3-1 Rehaab, 10-1 Hawanafa, 12-1 Locket, 14-1 West-Hatch-Spirit, Reno's Treasure, 16-1 others.

8.55 RAINWORTH MINERS LIMITED STAKES
(£2,381: 1m 1f 213yd) (12)
1 0151 BROCTUNE GOLD 10 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 A Culhane 1
2 4142 ALABANG 11 (D,BF,F) M Camacho 5-9-8 L Charnock 2
3 2211 MITHRAIC 10 (F) W Cunningham 4-9-8 R Havlin (5) 12
4 -002 REX MUNDI 23 P Evans 4-9-4 J Fortune 5
5 2040 *ZAALEFF 3 (B) B Hanbury 4-9-4 M Rimmer* 11
6 0010 ROYAL THIMBLE 9 (V,D,F) N T Chance 5-9-3 Martin Dwyer (5) 8
7 -000 YOUNG ROSE 4 Pat Mitchell 4-9-1 S Drowne (3) 7
8 0022 GULF OF SIAM 13 Miss S Hall 3-8-8 K Fallon 10
9 5P44 ROYAL EXPOSE 13 R Hannon 3-8-8 Dane O'Neill (3) 4
10 2355 SILVERDALE KNIGHT 12 (F) K Hogg 3-8-8 D McKeown 6
11 0-06 AGE OF REALITY 16 H Candy 3-8-5 G Duffield 3
12 -056 TARRY 69 (F) A Streeter 3-8-5 T Sprake 9
7-2 Mithraic, 4-1 Broctune Gold, 5-1 Alabang, 6-1 Gulf Of Siam, 7-1 Rex Mundi, 8-1 Tarry, Royal Expose, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 20 winners from 65 runners, 30.8%; R Charlton, 11 from 37, 29.7%; M Camacho, 3 from 18, 16.7%; A Bailey, 3 from 19, 15.8%; P Walwyn, 5 from 33, 15.2%; Mrs J R Ramsden, 12 from 81, 14.8%.

JOCKEYS: T Sprake, 11 winners from 72 rides, 15.3%; P Robinson, 15 from 112, 13.4%; W Ryan, 19 from 151, 12.6%; G Duffield, 14 from 121, 11.6%; J Weaver, 9 from 84, 10.7%; K Fallon, 10 from 94, 10.6%.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
2.15 Soba Up. 2.45 Cartouche. 3.15 Sabaah Elfull. 3.45 Tawafij. 4.15 Magic Lake. 4.45 Opal Jewel.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Sylvan Princess.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER TROPHY HANDICAP
(£3,566: 1m 4f 93yd) (6 runners)
1 (3) 20606-0 HAM N'EGGS 39J (F) (MHDS Racing) M Hammond 5-10-0 J Fortune 90
2 (4) 4-00010 SOBA UP 16 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Hills) T Etherington 6-9-9 A Culhane 94
3 (2) 6000-30 SHARKASHKA 12 (B,D,G) (C Stevens) T Easterby 6-8-3 F Lynch (3) 96
4 (1) 5-06052 MAFTUN 24 (Arrow Partners) G Moore 4-8-3 J Tate [illegible]
5 (5) 125354 LORD ADVOCATE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Murray) D Nolan 8-8-2 G Duffield 97
6 (6) 410340 MANOY 18 (B,G) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 3-7-10 N Kennedy 94
Long handicap: Manoy 7-8
BETTING: 11-4 Soba Up, 3-1 Ham N'Eggs, 7-2 Sharkashka, 9-2 Maftun, 6-1 Lord Advocate, 10-1 Manoy
1995: LORD HASTIE 7-8-0 A Mackay (7-2) C Thornton 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAM N'EGGS 6¼l 6th of 10 to Ahl in handicap at Sandown (1m, Good To Firm) on penultimate start. SOBA UP beat Canton Venture neck in 4-runner handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yds, Good To Firm) on penultimate start. SHARKASHKA 1¼l and head 3rd of 7 to Abalene in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, Good To Firm) on penultimate start. MAFTUN 5l 2nd of 8 to Shirley Sue in handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, Good). LORD ADVOCATE about 4l 5th of 7 to Kings Cay in ladies handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f, Good) on penultimate start. MANOY BEST best recent effort 7¼l 3rd of 8 to Shaha in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, Good To Soft).
Selection: SHARKASKA

2.45 ALEX LAWRIE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,983: 7f) (7 runners)
1 (2) 0 BROCTUNE LINE 23 (D Playforth) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 A Culhane —
2 (6) CARTOUCHE (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield —
3 (7) DARGO (A Daniels) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver —
4 (1) 450 FLOATING DEVON 18 (C Calvert) T Easterby 9-0 M Birch 86
5 (4) 0222 THE DEEJAY 16 (B Valentine) M Brittain 9-0 G Parkin (5) [illegible]
6 (3) 00 ZORBA 63 (G Reed) C Thornton 9-0 D McKeown —
7 (5) 5 NORTHERN PRINCESS 62 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-9 F Lynch (3) —
BETTING: 2-1 Dargo, 5-2 The Deejay, 7-2 Cartouche, 7-1 Broctune Line, 8-1 Floating Devon, 14-1 Northern Princess, 25-1 Zorba
1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FLOATING DEVON best recent effort about 4½l 4th of 12 to Nigrasine in auction maiden at Redcar (6f, Good To Firm). THE DEEJAY 3½l 2nd of 7 to Can Can Lady in auction maiden at Carlisle (6f, firm) with BROCTUNE LINE (1lb better off) 13l 7th. ZORBA 24l 10th of 10 to Belle Vue in maiden race at Southwell (A/W, 6f). NORTHERN PRINCESS 15l 5th of 6 to Reunion in auction maiden at Redcar (6f, Good To Firm).
Selection: THE DEEJAY

3.15 UNION TRUCKS FOR SCANIA MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,501: 5f) (10 runners)
1 (10) 00 MIDAS MAN 14 (Mrs K Russell) D Nolan 5-9-4 V Halliday —
2 (4) 354406 RINUS MANOR 14 (V) (A Proos) E Alston 5-9-4 J Fortune 76
3 (8) 600003 YOUNG BEN 7 (V) (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 4-9-4 K Darley 63
4 (3) 0 BATALEUR 12 (M Worth) Miss J Bower 3-9-0 D R McCabe —
5 (6) 4-66005 LORD CORNELIOUS 14 (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 3-9-0 G Duffield 51
6 (7) 06 CHELWOOD 34 (B) (Mrs C Owen) L Lloyd-James 4-8-13 K Fallon 72
7 (9) 04 LADY SEREN 8 (D Wright) S Kettlewell 4-8-13 N Rodgers 66
8 (2) 63 FUNKY 314 (W Swiers) D Nicholls 3-8-9 Alex Greaves 88
9 (5) 03-0 SABAAH ELFULL 46 (A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-9 D Harrison [illegible]
10 (1) 000-400 SUPERFRILLS 37 (Podso Racing) Miss L Siddall 3-8-9 D McKeown 79
BETTING: 9-4 Sabaah Elfull, 4-1 Funky, 5-1 Young Ben, 8-1 Lord Cornelious, 10-1 Lady Seren, 12-1 Rinus Manor, Bataleur, 14-1 others
1995: PENTRE FFYNNON 3-8-9 J Carroll (4-1) J Berry 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

RINUS MANOR best recent effort 3½l 4th of 10 to Tropical Beach in handicap at Hamilton (5f, Good). YOUNG BEN 3½l 3rd of 5 to Forzara in maiden handicap at Musselburgh (5f, Good To Soft). LORD CORNELIOUS 6½l 5th of 11 to King Shadow in maiden handicap at Ayr (5f, Good To Firm) with RINUS MANOR (13lb better off) neck 6th. FUNKY 8l 3rd of 11 to Pine Needle in maiden race at Nottingham (1m, Good To Soft). SABAAH ELFULL 2½l 3rd of 12 to Wavey in maiden race at Beverley (7f 100yds, Good) on penultimate start. SUPERFRILLS best recent effort 4¼l 4th of 9 to Chalice (5f, Good).
Selection: RINUS MANOR (nap)

3.45 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR TROPHY HANDICAP
(£3,518: 7f) (5 runners)
1 (5) 11-2110 EQUERRY 23 (C,BF,F,G) (J Good) M Johnston 5-9-13 J Weaver 97
2 (1) 526 KNOTTY HILL 25 (Knotty Hill Golf Centre) R Craggs 4-9-9 J Carroll 85
3 (3) 401550 SUALTACH 18 (D,F,G,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 3-9-8 K Darley 92
4 (2) 060406 TAWAFIJ 12 (CD,F,S) (S Ladlaw) M Hammond 7-9-6 J Fortune [illegible]
5 (4) 200101 ENCORE M'LADY 7 (D,F,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 5-8-10 (5ex) J Fanning 92
BETTING: 5-2 Sualtach, 11-4 Tawafij, 3-1 Equerry, 7-2 Encore M'Lady, 4-1 Knotty Hill
1995: HI NOD 5-9-7 L Charnock (11-2) M Camacho 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

EQUERRY beat Sandmoor Chambray neck in 6-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m, Firm) on penultimate start. KNOTTY HILL 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Diminutive in maiden race at Thirsk (1m, Firm) on penultimate start. SUALTACH 7½l 8th of 20 to Fahim in handicap at Newmarket (1m, Good To Firm). TAWAFIJ 7l 7th of 19 to Crown Court in handicap at Newmarket (1m, Good). ENCORE M'LADY beat Don Pepe ½l in 5-runner race at Musselburgh (7f, Good To Soft).
Selection: TAWAFIJ

4.15 BUCKNALL AUSTIN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,705: 7f) (16 runners)
1 (4) 503 RESPECTING 25 (M Vernon) D Smith 9-7 C Teague (3) 90
2 (13) 300522 NKAPEN ROCKS 7 (Lady Lilford) J Wilson 9-4 K Darley 93
3 (8) 003621 SHONTAINE 4 (C,D,F,G) (P Dean) M Johnston 9-2 J Weaver 96
4 (11) 030030 SCENICRIS 17 (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-13 F Lynch (3) 88
5 (1) 000500 TOO HASTY 41 (D,F) (C Stevens) T Easterby 8-13 M Birch 88
6 (15) 421-001 JAMBO 21 (D,F,G) (A Jackson) J Eyre 8-13 J Fortune 93
7 (10) 406-000 ENERGY MAN 54 (A Henderson) M Dods 8-11 J Carroll 90
8 (12) 400001 FALCON'S FLAME 13 (F) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 K Fallon 94
9 (5) 5054-60 SUPERMISTER 80 (T Bennett) T Easterby 8-6 J Fanning 87
10 (2) 506431 SYLVAN PRINCESS 12 (D,F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 8-4 Martin Dwyer (5) 97
11 (9) 003416 ORIOLE 8 (D,F,S) (E Incisa) N Tinkler 8-3 Kim Tinkler 93
12 (6) 200640 CERISE 12 (R Bradley) W Elsey 8-2 D Wright (3) 90
13 (14) 0000-00 JENNY'S CHARMER 52 (Glaston Racing) S Kettlewell 8-1 D R McCabe 87
14 (7) 0-00041 MAGIC LAKE 8 (D,F) (P Ebdon) E Alston 8-1 S Drowne (3) [illegible]
15 (16) 0004 DISPOL DUCHESS 26 (W Imison) G Oldroyd 7-10 J Lowe 98
16 (3) 00-040 FISIOSTAR 13 (B) (C Graham) M Dods 7-10 N Kennedy 83
Long handicap: Fisiostar 7-2
BETTING: 5-1 Sylvan Princess, 6-1 Falcon's Flame, 8-1 Nkapen Rocks, Magic Lake, Jambo, 10-1 Shontaine, 12-1 Respecting, 14-1 others
1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NKAPEN ROCKS 4l 2nd of 6 to Arak-Ku in maiden race at Musselburgh (1m, Good To Soft). SHONTAINE beat Mileinan City 1l in 13-runner apprentice handicap at Catterick (7f, Good To Firm). SCENICRIS 3l 3rd of 6 to Albert The Bear in handicap at Chester (7f 122yds, Good To Firm). TOO HASTY 8¼l 7th of 17 to U-No-Harry in handicap at Thirsk (6f, Firm). JAMBO beat Rainbow's Rhapsody 3l in 10-runner handicap at Musselburgh (1m, Good). FALCON'S FLAME beat Gulf Of Siam 1¼l in 14-runner apprentice handicap at Beverley (1m 100yds, Good To firm) with FISIOSTAR (3lb better off) 14¼l 10th. SYLVAN PRINCESS beat Orchid Gold 1½l in 11-runner handicap at Sandown (7f, Good To Firm). ORIOLE beat Napoleon's Return head in 10-runner handicap at Ayr (7f, Good To Soft) with SHONTAINE (3lb better off) about 4l 6th. MAGIC LAKE beat Ya Marhaba 3l in 10-runner handicap at Ayr (7f, Good To firm) with ORIOLE (5lb better off) 7¼l 6th. DISPOL DUCHESS 7l 4th of 8 to Bollin Dorothy in auction maiden race at Catterick (7f, Good To Soft).
Selection: TOO HASTY

4.45 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,631: 1m 2f 32yd) (4 runners)
1 (2) 033-22 PRESENT ARMS 46 (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-11 T Quinn [illegible]
2 (4) STRATA FLORIDA (D Wellcome) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-11 J Carroll —
3 (3) 5 SWYNFORD SUPREME 9 (Qualitair Holdings) J Bottomley 3-8-11 J Lowe 72
4 (1) OPAL JEWEL (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-6 K Darley —
BETTING: Evens Present Arms, 5-4 Opal Jewel, 10-1 Strata Florida, 14-1 Swynford Supreme
1995: SHEROY 3-8-11 W Carson (4-6 fav) J Dunlop 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRESENT ARMS ¾l 2nd to Tempress in 10-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, Good To Firm). SWYNFORD SUPREME 13¾l 5th to Disallowed in 7-runner auction maiden at Ripon (1m 1f, Good To Firm).
Selection: PRESENT ARMS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	13	53	24.5	S Drowne	4	10	40.0
M Prescott	8	35	22.9	G Duffield	17	91	18.7
Miss L Siddall	4	24	16.7	J Weaver	17	97	17.5
C Thornton	6	37	16.2	J Carroll	20	139	14.4
M Johnston	19	125	15.2	D R McCabe	3	21	14.3
E Alston	5	35	14.3	K Darley	26	203	12.8

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FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	73	69	56	2	-54.22
H Cecil	60	31	32	4	-12.55
J Berry	60	58	51	1	-92.49
R Hannon	60	67	48	1	-173.24

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	112	79	64	10	-23.54
T Quinn	97	76	68	14	+24.41
J Weaver	94	91	70	9	-62.45
K Fallon	88	77	89	12	-76.61

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Andrew Healey explains why scuba diving is the perfect sport for those with disabilities — however severe

Down where the little fishes play

BOB AUSTEN

Michell Galler, a paraplegic, is buddied with Jim Gatacre, who founded the Handicapped Scuba Association after he became slightly disabled

There aren't many sports which disabled people can enjoy together with — and on the same terms as — their able-bodied conterparts, but scuba diving is one of them. Indeed, there is now a growing demand for properly structured dive training but, until June, there were only four instructors in the UK who were qualified to work with all the infinite permutations of disability.

SPORT FOR ALL

Now, after a series of weekend courses for qualified instructors who want to work with disabled people, run near Cheltenham by the American-based Handicapped Scuba Association, another 20 instructors are qualified to help divers to explore a world where disabilities take a back seat.

Jim Gatacre, who founded the HSA, travels the world spreading the message that people with even severe handicaps can take part in this exciting, yet relaxing sport, thanks to their weightlessness underwater and the support of fellow divers, called buddies.

Simulating blindness, with buddy alongside

Paraplegics in different parts of the world come to learn from Jim and his 1,200 instructors, working in 33 countries. Even people who are high-lesion paraplegics, with little or no strength in their upper limbs, can float weightless and watch the fishes, in harmony with their surroundings.

The Cheltenham course consists of a day's classroom work, where Jim discusses some of the more common disabilities and their dive-related medical implications, and a two-day water phase spent at a local pool and lake, with disabled people on hand to brief them. At the water's edge as much effort is put into getting instructors to talk to their students — and to judge ther individual requirements — as is given to working with them underwater.

One instructor had the oportunity to experience a little of how it feels to be disabled when Jim tied his legs together in the water and put him in the care of his colleagues. Then he tried temporary tetraplegia — forbidden to use his arms — and simulated blindness, using a mask.

"It is quite a sobering experience for instructors to suddenly find themselves restricted in any way, and they very quickly realise how much trust they have to put in their dive buddies," said Jim. "But, like their students, they quickly learn to adapt and make the most of the situation. The experience lasts only a few minutes but I guarantee that those impressions stay with them long after the course is over."

"Every disability is different," said Bob Austen, the course organiser. "You can't assume, just because someone has a certain level of spinal lesion, for example, that they have no strength in a certain muscle group. So we encourage instructors to spend time with each student; to ascertain what they can do and where they may need specific help. Part of the training is to get them not to work quite as hard as they may try to — motivation and determination are never lacking with disabled people."

Jim decided to set up the HSA in 1981 after recovering from a condition which left him with a slightly paralysed arm. He had initially been terrified at the thought of all the activities he could no longer enjoy, but was persuaded to try diving by a friend. Now he encourages other disabled people to think about what they can do, rather than dwelling on the fact that they are handicapped.

He persuaded the Professional Association of Diving Instructors and the National Association of Underwater Instructors to support him. Together they have developed internationally recognised standards. HSA certificates allow disabled divers to scuba with either one or two other divers, depending on the level of assistance they require.

A severely disabled person, who requires total assistance from companions both in and out of the water, can dive with the attendance of two buddies, one of whom must be fully rescue-trained. If, however, a person can put on their own gear and propel themselves to any degree, they need only one buddy — which is what able-bodied divers have anyway.

Incidentally, a British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) spokesman told me the club does not see the need for specially qualified instructors, preferring disabled students to discuss their individual needs at club level.

At Cheltenham a wide cross-section of instructors took the HSA course including Tony Hall from Pershore, a BSAC instructor and a firefighter, who has raised two sons with cerebral palsy and recently adopted a ten-year-old boy with the same condition. "I have a vested interest," he admitted, "but diving is a liberating experience and everyone should have the opportunity to try it."

Martin Baker, a paraplegic, with instructors

Also on the course was Nick Thorne, from Bristol. During a lengthy stay in hospital, he saw what many people with disabilities have to put up with and became determined to do something to help them.

Salvador Oyson, from the Philippines, thinks that disabled people get a rough deal in his country. "They get pretty well ignored by society," he said. He therefore travelled halfway round the world to attend the course, and plans to start trying to change things once he gets back home.

After the final water session one of the newly qualified HSA instructors, Rob Newcombe, said: "It really opens your eyes to what disabled people have to contend with, and I feel so much better prepared to work with them."

Ten years ago, while I was languishing in hospital with a broken back, a physiotherapist told me: "If you think of all the things that you can do in life as adding up to 100 per cent, then you can do at least 90 per cent of them." Thanks to the perseverance of the HSA — and a growing number of bodies who encourage disabled participation — that percentage must be climbing.

In diving the use of mouthpieces can control involuntary mouth spasms in cerebral palsy sufferers. Mounts are built or adapted to hold equipment which is normally hand held, such as compasses or torches, leaving hands free for swimming. New fin designs, which improve momentum with reduced effort, are now on the market.

There are also battery operated propulsion units, originally developed for commercial divers and the idle, which are the underwater equivalent of the golf buggy. Unfortunately, besides propelling you, these units also scare the fish, and your buddy will also need one if he is not to be left floundering in your wake.

FACT FILE

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Most tournament players use Weak Twos. The more daring practitioners open them on five-card suits if the signs are auspicious. This is an example from the practice match between the British Open Team and the Barbarians in May.

Dealer South East-West vul IMPs

North: ♠Q 10 9 8 4 2 ♥J ♦10 9 7 ♣9 7 6

West: ♠7 6 ♥K 8 7 4 3 2 ♦Q J 4 ♣K 5

East: ♠A K 3 ♥A ♦A K 5 2 ♣A Q J 4 3

South: ♠J 5 ♥Q 10 9 6 6 ♦8 6 3 ♣10 8 2

Contract: Two Hearts doubled, by South. Lead: queen of diamonds

South (Brian Senior, Barbarians) opened Two Hearts, which was passed round to East, Justin Hackett. He doubled for take-out, undoubtedly the correct bid. Pay no attention to anyone who tells you to bid Three Hearts on hands like East's. The best use for that bid is to show a two-suited hand of some sort, so by bidding Three Hearts East would deny holding a three-suited hand.

When the double came back to West (Jason Hackett) it was clear to pass for penalties. However, it didn't work out well for his side — Senior made three tricks in Two Hearts doubled for 1,100 to East-West, when they could have been making 2,240 in 7 NT. Both East and West's actions were impeccable — it was just that Senior had chosen a good moment for an off-beat Weak Two.

☐ The new European junior champions are Norway. Russia came second, with Denmark taking the bronze medal. After a disappointing championship, Great Britain finished 14th, out of 26 teams. Germany won the schools championship ahead of Israel and Great Britain.

GREAT BRITAIN SCHOOLS TEAM: Alex Hydes and Mark Tellscher, Graham Hazel and Abbey Walker, Phil Adamson and Gary Clarke. NPC: Richard Fleet. Coach: Andrew McIntosh.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sharp variation

Vladimir Kramnik's victory in Dortmund was characterised by courageous, sharp play. Here Kramnik is prepared to enter a whirlwind of sacrificial complexities against Alexei Shirov, the young Latvian grandmaster.

White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Alexei Shirov
Dortmund, July 1996

Slav Defence

1	Nf3	d5
2	d4	c6
3	c4	Nf6
4	Nc3	dxc4
5	a4	Bf5
6	Ne5	e6
7	f3	Bb4
8	e4	Bxe4
9	fxe4	Nxe4
10	Bd2	Qxd4
11	Nxe4	Qxe4+
12	Qe2	Bxd2+
13	Kxd2	Qd5+
14	Kc2	Na6
15	Nxc4	0-0-0
16	Qe3	Nc5
17	Be2	Qxg2
18	Rhg1	Qxh2
19	Rxg7	Rd4
20	Qxd4	Qxe2+
21	Nd2	Rd8
22	Qxc5	Rxd2+
23	Kb3	Rxb2+
24	Ka3	Rd2
25	Rg3	Qe4
26	Rb3	b6
27	Qf8+	Kb7
28	Qxf7+	Ka6
29	Qf3	Qxf3
30	Rxf3	Ka5
31	Rf4	Rd3+
32	Kb2	Rh3
33	Re1	Rh2+
34	Kb3	Rh3+
35	Kc2	Rh2+
36	Kd3	Rh6
37	Rfe4	c5
38	Rxe6	Rh3+
39	R1e3	Rh1
40	R3e4	Rh3+
41	Kc4	Rg3
42	Rh6	a6
43	Rxh7	Rg5
44	Rb7	Rh5
45	Re6	Rh4+
46	Kd5	Rb4
47	Rc6	Rd4+
48	Ke6	Rb4
49	Rb8	Black resigns

Prize puzzle

This is your last chance to enter the 1996 British Chess Solving Championship. The following position is the opening puzzle: White to play and mate in two moves against any Black defence.

Diagram of final position

Those wishing to enter should send a cheque or postal order for £3 with their entry, which should consist of White's first move only, to: British Chess Problem Society, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND. Those entering should also enclose an sae and please remember to mention that you are entering via *The Times*. The closing date is July 31.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

XENOCRATIC
a. Rule by elders
b. Government by strangers
c. Sea-green incorruptible

WIDDERSHINS
a. Greaves or shin-guards
b. Stomach turned to water
c. Anti-clockwise

BRITOMART
a. A car boot sale
b. Birmingham
c. A female knight

EULALIA
a. The mad-house
b. Sweetly spoken
c. The scented geranium

Answers on page 41

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Bazant — Haba, Prague 1996. In this position there is an unusual material balance of three pieces against two rooks. However, the advantage is with Black as his pieces are much more active than the white rooks. How did he now make the most of this activity?

Solution, page 41

SPORTS LETTERS

Olympics too big for one city

From Mr Robert Russell

Sir, The problems experienced by competitors and visitors in Atlanta's traffic (reports, July 23-26) underline the near-impossible logistics of staging the modern Olympic Games. Traffic chaos, gridlocked roads and tourist saturation, despite the efforts made by the Atlanta authorities together with massive financial promoters, suggest that the tradition of hosting the complete Games in one city may be over.

The alternative may be to adopt an "Olympic Year", in which a number of cities across the world, perhaps one in each continent, are responsible for planning and organising specific events. This would not only spread the cost of Olympic competition, but allow more people to play a part in organising and contributing to the success of the events. It would also prevent places with totally unsuitable climates being used for long-distance events on both track and road.

One wonders who studies the all-important climatic data and why other considerations, not in the athletes' interests, appear to take precedence.

Yours etc.,
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Balance removed

From Mr Bob Reeves

Sir, It is estimated that 17 per cent of those who represented Britain in the 1992 Olympic Games were students and that the comparable figure for the 2000 Games will be 50 per cent. This is an appealing prospect: half of our most talented sportsmen and women also pursuing other skills, knowledge and interests.

For the past 14 years at Bristol University we have had an advanced sports squad, members of which are normal, academically-qualified students, not on scholarships. Degree results have been better than average.

During the past year there were five rugby players in the squad. All played for the university, four also representing England at different levels and the fifth appearing for Ireland Under-21.

Few universities still aspire to make such provision; fewer than ten now have Saturday fixtures because the league structure dominates. Student rugby has not been supported at this level: Bristol has to manage on a budget of less than £3,000 per season.

Yet Alex King, who was a breath of fresh air in all five England A internationals last season, is leaving the university after two years to become a full-time professional rugby player. Pressure from some quarters has forced him to leave the institution which helped to nurture his game. The essential balance has now gone from his life.

I support professional rugby, but I am more concerned about the players than the success of a few clubs. The new structure could lead to top players having over 40 competitive games in a season. Have we not learnt from other sports? Too much competition dulls the body and mind, it stifles flair and inhibits balanced development.

It could all be so exciting, but it is not. The way we are moving will bankrupt some clubs, lead to a less educated body of sportsmen and will almost certainly mean that England will never win the Rugby World Cup.

Yours sincerely,
BOB REEVES, Director,
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Size problem in gymnastics

From Mr James Hitchcock

Sir, I agree with Simon Barnes (July 18) that there is cause for concern in the fact that gymnastics places a high value on moves of great technical difficulty which seem quite beyond any adult woman of normal size and can only be performed by diminutive adolescent girls. This has two deleterious side-effects.

First, the grace and elegance which were once the sport's *raison d'être* are being sacrificed to ever-greater technical complexity. Second, competitors are being encouraged to keep their weight unnaturally low, with consequent risks to their health. The solution may lie in adopting ideas from two other sports.

The first idea would be to split competitors' marks in two, as is done in ice skating, giving them for artistic impression as well as for technical merit. This might correct the excessive stress on technical difficulty and lead to greater rewards for fluency and beauty of movement. The second, and more radical, idea is taken from boxing and similar combat sports: introduce a system of weight classes within which gymnasts would compete. There would be one obvious difference.

A boxer qualifies for a particular weight division by keeping his weight below a specified maximum. A gymnast would qualify for her division by keeping her weight above a specified minimum. Excessive dieting would therefore bring no advantage; too much weight lost would mean that the gymnast would be assigned to a lower weight category, where she would have the disadvantage of competing against girls naturally smaller in stature. This system would also have the advantage that the sport would have more appeal to girls and women of all sizes.

Just as the system of weight divisions in boxing means that one does not have to be built like Mike Tyson in order to be a top-level boxer, a similar system in gymnastics would mean that a girl need not be dissuaded from taking up the sport because she is not as diminutive as an Olga Korbut.

Moreover, this system could also allow women to remain in the sport longer. As a girl grew, she could transfer to another division more suited to her new weight.

Yours faithfully,
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Wrong-footed

From Mr Roy Knapman

Sir, The golfers in the Open Championship were indeed leaning on their putters when removing the ball from the hole, as Mr Michael Jeffels observed (Sports Letters, July 22). This could be because the majority are right-handed and they step forward towards the hole with the "wrong" foot, the right one. To avoid collapse of the leg when it has additional weight placed on it during the reaching process, they use the putter for balance and leverage.

Golfers who are unable to support the weight of the body on one partially bent leg — anyone aged over 30, probably — should step past the hole with the left foot and then reach down with the right hand. If they need extra support they can place the left hand on the left knee and give discreet assistance without infringing section 1.

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RUGBY UNION

All Blacks well served by qualities old and new

Australia 25
New Zealand 32

By David Hands

WHATEVER the future holds for English rugby, those of their representatives in Brisbane on Saturday who saw New Zealand ensure victory in the inaugural tri-nation tournament can be in no doubt that competing with the southern hemisphere will bring its own unique problems.

The crowd at Lang Park included Will Carling, the former England captain, and John Jeavons-Fellows, one of the Rugby Football Union's representatives on the International Rugby Football Board. Seeking as he does to establish regular playing links with the southern hemisphere, in the increasingly likely event of England having only a limited role in the north, Jeavons-Fellows was reminded of facets old and new of All Black rugby: their timeless quality of playing to the final whistle, allied to their modern willingness to risk all for victory.

Bunce: winning try

Andrew Mehrtens's sixth penalty goal earned them equality at 25-25 in a match that Australia led by 13 points just after the interval. Yet that was not enough: from a set scrum in injury-time, Zinzan Brooke set off to the open side and Mehrtens doubled around Little to split the Australian defence. Cullen appeared to have thrown away a certain try by ignoring Wilson outside him, but he laid the ball back so well that Bunce could drive through the defence for the winning score.

Australians regretting the loss of a match which appeared three-quarters won may contemplate how they would have fared with only 14 men: with six minutes gone Michael Brial, their No 8, launched such a prolonged assault on Bunce, after obstruction by the centre, that there seemed no way Brial could remain on the pitch, yet Jim Fleming chose only to penalise him. For so experienced a referee it was a remarkably mild reaction.

As it was Australia lost a forward, through "natural" causes, with only a quarter of the game gone. Garrick Morgan's broken hand will keep him out of next Saturday's game with South Africa in Bloemfontein — David Giffin, the ACT lock, has been added to the squad — and nor will Tim Horan have recovered from his broken nose in time.

In Morgan's absence, Eales turned in a remarkable lineout performance to keep his country competitive but this was no free-flowing exhibition: both sides chose to play close to the forwards, yet as ever the home team was alert to the main chance.

Gregan's try, which featured some delightful running by Tune, came from turned-over New Zealand possession, while Tombs had to turn and collect a dropped pass before sending Burke away on a remarkable 80-metre run in which the full back beat four defenders to score.

But Mehrtens, who missed only one kick from nine, kept his side in contention and Lomu, on an otherwise mediocre day, took out four defenders to create the ruck from which Marshall scored. That was the moment, which told New Zealand a match, and a tournament, could still be won; to their immense credit they did so.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Gregan, Burke Penalty goals: Burke (5). New Zealand: Tries: Marshall, Bunce. Conversions: Mehrtens (2) Penalty goals: Mehrtens (6)

AUSTRALIA: M C Burke (NSW); B N Tune (Queensland), J Roff (ACT), R C Tombs (NSW), D I Campese (NSW); P W Howard (ACT), G Gregan (ACT), R Harry (NSW), M A Foley (Queensland), A Heath (NSW), D Manu (NSW), G J Morgan (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), D J Wilson (Queensland), M C Brial (NSW) Morgan replaced by B T Gavin (NSW, 23min)

NEW ZEALAND: C M Cullen (Manawatu), J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), W K Little (North Harbour), J T Lomu (Counties), A P Mehrtens (Canterbury), J W Marshall (Canterbury), C W Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland), I D Jones (North Harbour), R M Brooke (Auckland), J A Kronfeld (Otago), Z V Brooke (Auckland)

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland)

Britain invests in future success on the floor

Ruth Gledhill on the youngsters hoping to dance their way to an Olympic gold medal

The dancers are put through their paces during a training weekend run by Stephen and Lindsey Hillier. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

Sweat oozed from every pore of the 36 youngsters, all aged between 16 and 21, training hard for the day when they might be chosen to represent their country in the world championships and, possibly, the Olympic Games.

In a purpose-built studio near Guildford, Surrey, the "squad bashing", which included lectures, gym workouts and intensive fitness training, left them shattered but more confident of taking on their fast-improving rivals from Italy, Germany and eastern Europe.

Until recently, Britain dominated the world in every aspect of ballroom dancing, which has achieved provisional recognition as an Olympic sport. But, although Britain can still boast the world's top adult champions — Marcus and Karen Hilton, from Rochdale — in the youth section, from where future champions are drawn, other countries are now making inroads at the top.

Stephen and Lindsey Hillier, former world champions, have been running youth squad training sessions for the Ballroom Dancers Federation to counter the fear that the same decline Britain has experienced in other sports will soon hit ballroom dancing, costing valuable titles and medals that could at one time have been guaranteed.

While the youth training fund is supported now by donations from individuals, including some senior amateur dancers, as well as dance associations and companies such as Dance News, Hillier is seeking the kind of sponsorship from industry and commerce that is on offer elsewhere in Europe and the West.

Sammy Stopford, five-times British Latin champion, and Len Armstrong, a former world champion in the "modern" section, aimed to show the youngsters in group training sessions how to develop the sporting and competitive drive vital to stay at the top. In a sport which cannot be assessed on a first-past-the-post basis, but which is judged on the "skating system", like ice dance, technique and movement are essential. A confident presentation is also needed. "No-one can make you a champion if you haven't got the talent," Armstrong said. "Judges will mark quality of movement, presentation."

No matter how exhausted they were, sometimes dancing four dances across five or six heats, they must never show it. "You might be a wonderful couple but if you look weary in front of 5,000 people at Blackpool, no judge is going to support you," Armstorng added.

Couples taking part included Darren Bennett and Ruth Coster, James Prouton and Jennifer Hurley, Wayne Cheetham and Sarah Bellhouse and the brother-and-sister team of Keith and Claire Egan. Afterwards, Stephen Sysum, 18, and Katie Lagden, 20, from London, who won the amateur tendance (all five modern and all five Latin dances) at the UK closed championships in Bournemouth, explained how, despite good results in school exams, both are now out of work and devoting themselves full-time to dancing. With sponsorship from the Sports Council of £700 and help from their parents, they still struggle to pay for their outfits and lessons.

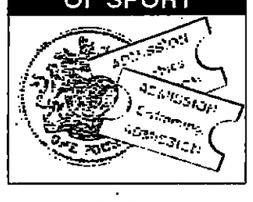
Sysum, who trained first with Peggy Spencer and is now with Robert and Barbara Grover, the former world champions, said: "This is my life, I could never give it up. I don't know what I would do instead." Teased as a boy, he earned the respect of his schoolfriends when he began winning championships and, although a career as a 1,500-metre runner also beckoned, he opted for dancing.

Gareth Taplin, 21 and Lisa Hammond, 19, Britain's top youth couple, from Eastbourne, showed equal determination. Both couples, who get through at least 12 pairs of shoes a year each, are sponsored by International Dance Shoes. Taplin and Hammond work full-time for alocal authority housing department, that finances their lessons.

Taplin is already planning his training schedule for the International championships at the Albert Hall in October. "Ballroom dancing still has a bad public image, which doesn't do credit to the competitive side. It is much more of a sport now than it was, even in the 1980s," he said.

Health and fitness fanatics pump up profits

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT



Not so very long ago, the idea that businesses could make money out of providing sports facilities for the average citizen seemed laughable. Companies were desperate to sell their highly-priced sports equipment, from £200 tennis rackets to the latest scientifically designed running shoes, but businesses could see no profit potential in providing the courts, pitches and exercise machines actually needed to use all this overpriced equipment.

So sports facilities were left largely to the local authorities, leaving keen sportsmen and women to negotiate the potholes on the tennis courts and the kissing teenagers in the municipal swimming pool. If you lived in the right area, you might also have the option of a private club, offering a slighly higher class of facility, provided you had the patience to put up with the ten-year waiting list for membership and the compulsory cake-making for the annual fete.

It took the arrival of the Yuppie, the first professional fitness enthusiast, in the 1980s to shake up the amateur world of sports clubs. Yuppies wanted to enjoy top-class facilities. They were too busy making money to fit around opening hours dictated by the whims of an elderly caretaker.

The health and fitness clubs that began to proliferate to cater for this market were initially set up by local entrepreneurs as stand-alone sites, but as the health and fitness craze began to spread, they also gradually became a feature in business hotels, introducing the concept to some of the country's leisure giants.

But it is only in the last couple of years that the popularity of these clubs, as well as the rapid growth of sports club chains, such as the David Lloyd tennis centres, has finally persuaded the big leisure companies that they could make money out of providing sports facilities. Over a million people regularly attend health and fitness clubs, spending around £400 million a year, and the market is still growing.

The leisure companies have also discovered that fitness enthusiasts are unusually loyal consumers, willing to show their commitment by paying a membership fee. Equally, users are attracted by the social cachet of a club, which implies extra profits through drinks at the bar and meals in the restaurant.

It is these trends that persuaded Whitbread, better known for its pubs and beer, to pay £200 million last year for the David Lloyd centres. Lloyd, who had founded the chain in 1981, walked away with £20 million from the sale of the 15 clubs. Whitbread, meanwhile, was roundly criticised in the City for overpaying, but the brewer believes that tennis and health clubs will be the pubs of the next century.

It is not just Whitbread, though, that has shown a willingness to invest heavily in order to gain a toehold in the market. Stakis, a leisure and hotel company, spent £20 million earlier this year buying the five LivingWell Health and Leisure clubs, attracted by the club's 12,500 members and the £1 million profits LivingWell made last year. Stakis is combining LivingWell with its own 25 existing health clubs, based in its hotels, to create an instant national health club chain. Meanwhile, First Leisure, best-known for owning the Blackpool Tower, has just spent £5.5 million on building a huge sports complex in Coventry.

Providing sports facilities for sweaty members of the public, may seem distinctly less glamorous than owning Manchester United. But there are many in the business world who feel that, in the long run, sports clubs, which have far more in common with well-established consumer businesses such as pubs and bingo, will prove to be the better investment.

Alasdair Murray

Talent blooming on Eton's fields

By Nick Szczepanik

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

EVEN as the Government was announcing its plans for scholarships to develop emerging British sporting talent last Wednesday, 84 young people, specially selected by elite coaches, were taking part in a sponsored week of intensive training in seven sports at Eton College. This particular scheme is already in its tenth year, and one of its alumni, Mark Hylton, is in Atlanta as a member of the 4x400 metres relay team.

As well as athletics, the Mace Sports Scholarships scheme includes equestrianism, golf, gymnastics, football, swimming and tennis. The sportsman behind it, however, comes from another discipline.

Derek Abbott, who once boxed at featherweight in the same Army team as Henry Cooper, had long nurtured a dream of helping youngsters by introducing natural talent to top coaching and training facilities that would normally be out of reach.

"I'd seen so many promising kids that were never heard of again; I wanted to do something for them. Being made chief executive of Mace [the neighbourhood small-store chain], the main sponsors, finally gave me the resources to achieve that," he said.

Securing the facilities (and the cachet) of Eton as a centre, he and Mike Bowen, then commercial director, set about persuading seven companies to back a different sport each. All have stayed with the scheme.

"We think it's a very worthy cause," said John Lewis, of Heinz, who sponsor the equestrianism, the newest sport to join, and one of the most heavily subscribed — more than 3,000 applied through a promotion in *Horse and Pony* magazine alone.

"It doesn't cost the students a penny," Abbott emphasised. "We supply their kit and even give them pocket-money. We are very conscious that their backgrounds are very different — but here they are all equal."

The students, aged between 12 and 15, are nominated by coaches, teachers, parents or even the sponsors themselves; an entry form allows 100 words to explain why a particular student should be chosen. Then it is up to the coaches to select balanced squads — not necessarily the best, although national champions do attend, but the ones who will benefit most. "We need the best to show the way to those who are not less talented, but have developed it to a lesser degree," Abbott explained.

"I've only been playing tennis for three years," Louise Noakes, 13, from Sutton, said. "I was worried at first — some of the others have been playing for eight years, and hit the ball really hard — but now I can take points off them." She expected to show up to 50 per cent improvement over the week.

Louise, like many, was away from home for the first time. "It's about broadening their outlook on life and sport too," Abbott said. "Parents tell us that students come back with far more confidence. And the people who look after them, the coaches and Eton's housemasters, are real professionals."

The coaches include Jeremy Bates, the former British tennis No 1 and David Wilkie, who was celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his Olympic breaststroke gold medal. "That experience is one you remember," Wilkie said, "and you try to get kids excited about that. You need role models."

Bates said: "Enthusiasm is the main thing. They have to enjoy it more than anything." One of the most enthusiastic participants, according to Glen Pierce, who coaches Eton's football teams, is John Hollins, the former Chelsea and Arsenal player, now reserve team coach at Queens Park Rangers, who has been involved for nine years.

"I want them to enjoy the week," Hollins said. "You always keep an eye out for players. You might find a gem — but that's not the idea."

At the end of the week, students are presented with a gold medallion and certificate, and given advice on future development and training; a quarterly newsletter helps them to keep in touch.

The Battle of Waterloo was supposedly won on the playing fields of Eton. In the future, the same may be said of one or two Olympic medals.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

To:

1. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Kilinochchi Sri Lanka
2. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, International Secretariat, 211 Katherine Road, East Ham, London E6 1BU United Kingdom
3. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Post Box No. 47 7400 Herning, Denmark.

WHEREAS the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") has declared the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (hereinafter referred to as "LTTE") to be unlawful association vide Notifications(No. S.O.338(E) dated 14.5.1996, S.O. 632(E) dated 13.6.1996 and S.O.460(E) dated 27.6.1996 published in the Extraordinary Gazette of India, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-Section(ii).

AND WHEREAS the said Notifications have been referred to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal comprising of Hon'ble Mr Justice S.K. Mahajan, Judge, Deli High Court, for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the said LTTE to be unlawful association as required by Sub-Section(1) of section 4 of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, notice be hereby given under Sub-Section (2) of Section 4 of the Act and you are called upon to show cause in writing within 30 days from the date of service of this notice why the Association should not be declared unlawful and why order should not be made confirming the declaration made in the afore-mentioned Notifications. The written statements may be addressed and sent to the Registrar of the Tribunal, Room No.103, Block A, Delhi High Court Building, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110003. The notices are returnable on 30th August 1996.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Deli, on this the 16th day of July 1996.

Signed:
(Ramesh Sharma)
REGISTRAR
Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal
Delhi High Court Building
Sher Shah Road, New Delhi

Notice of Appointment of Administrators
Nutfield Web Limited
Registered number: 2978012
Nature of business: Printing
Trade classification: 10
Date of appointment of joint administrators: 18 July 1996
Raymond Hocking and Melvyn Julian Carter Joint Administrators (office holder Nos 2322 and 5775) Addresses BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA. Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU.

The Insolvency Act 1986
RAVEN CONTRACTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 23rd July 1996.
E R SHEPPARD, Liquidator

M. & S. RINBERG AND COMPANY LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, J.J. Schapira, ACA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 23rd July 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 23rd day of July 1996
J.J. SCHAPIRA, ACA, Liquidator

In the Matter of Power Electrical Limited
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, C M Haig of Neville Russell, 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT and M Cork of Moore Stephens Booth White of 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN, give notice that on 18 July 1996 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of Power Electrical Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30 September 1996 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned C M Haig of 1 Telford Way, and M Cork of Moore Stephens Booth White, the Joint Liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 22 July 1996
C M Haig
Joint Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
FAHRENHEIT DESIGN PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 17th July 1996.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frances at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I. Frances - Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
THORNTON ASIAN EMERGING MARKETS INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
formerly MONEY ASSET PLC
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that Christopher John Barlow and Ian Douglas Barker Bond of Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company on 17 July 1996 by the members.
Dated July 25 1996
C J Barlow and I D B Bond
Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF KEYLARCH LIMITED T/A ANNA HOTEL
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 22 July 1996, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twenty second day of July 1996

R D Enterprises (Fancy Goods) Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF at 11.00am on 20 August 1996 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986:
and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
S V Freakley
Joint Administrative Receiver
22 July 1996

IN THE MATTER OF FINEROUTE LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 22 July 1996, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twenty second day of July 1996

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
TAEMIT FINANCE LIMITED
formerly SPECMAX LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that Christopher John Barlow and John Michael Thompson of Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company on 17 July 1996 by The Members.
Dated July 24 1996
Christopher John Barlow and John Michael Thompson Joint Liquidators

SIMONS KWADWO KANKAM AMPONG
(In Bankruptcy)
Southend County Court No: 176 of 1996
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that K.P. Barry, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, was appointed Trustee of the above Debtor on 5th July 1996.
Creditors are invited to submit claims in writing to the above address.
Dated this 22nd July 1996
K.P. BARRY, FCA
Trustee

Rivendell (Fancy Goods) Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF at 11.30am on 20 August 1996 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986.
and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
S V Freakley
Joint Administrative Receiver
22 July 1996

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
EDENVALE PUBLISHING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG on 23rd August 1996 at 12.00 Noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 23rd July 1996
Paul Wood
Director

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Vanderveil Chair of Pharmacology administered by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
Scheme for the re-organisation of the Charity.
Reference KL-212808/8983-GDLdn
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (AFL): Footscray 16.12 (108) Collingwood 17.12 (114), Fremantle 15.14 (104) Sydney 12.6 (78); Adelaide 26.10 (166) Fitzroy 9.13 (67); Carlton 13.13 (91) Essendon 11.16 (82); Richmond 17.12 (114) Hawthorn 11.7 (73); St Kilda 14.16 (100) Geelong 11.10 (76); Brisbane 25.13 (163) West Coast 17.14 (116), Melbourne 11.4 (70) North Melbourne 28.15 (183).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Melbourne	17	13	0	4	2024	1518	52
Sydney	17	12	1	4	1668	1404	50
West Coast	17	12	0	5	1692	1307	48
Carlton	17	12	0	5	1590	1438	48
Brisbane	17	11	1	5	1718	1349	46
Geelong	17	10	1	6	1681	1561	42
Essendon	17	10	1	6	1717	1595	42
Richmond	17	9	0	8	1719	1500	36
Hawthorn	17	8	1	8	1431	1490	34
Adelaide	17	8	0	9	1816	1707	32
Collingwood	17	7	0	10	1726	1724	28
St Kilda	17	7	0	10	1613	1670	28
Fremantle	17	5	0	12	1342	1522	20
Melbourne	17	5	0	12	1291	1814	20
Footscray	17	3	1	13	1292	1730	14
Fitzroy	17	1	0	16	1165	2256	4

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 14 Baltimore 9; New York 15 Kansas City 1; Oakland 5 Toronto 3; Chicago 6 Texas 2; Minnesota 5 Boston 1; California 6 Milwaukee 5; Seattle 8 Detroit 4. Saturday: Baltimore 14 Cleveland 2, New York 5 Kansas City 4, Texas 6 Chicago 4 (10 innings). California 7 Milwaukee 0, Toronto 6 Oakland 4, Boston 9 Minnesota 5

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	62	40	.608	—
Baltimore	51	51	.500	11
Toronto	47	57	.452	16
Boston	46	56	.451	16
Detroit	32	72	.308	31
Central division				
Cleveland	63	41	.606	—
Chicago	56	48	.538	7
Milwaukee	50	53	.485	12½
Minnesota	50	53	.485	12½
Kansas City	47	58	.448	16½
West division				
Texas	59	45	.567	—
Seattle	56	46	.549	2
Oakland	54	51	.514	5½
California	51	53	.490	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: San Diego 3 Florida 0 (11 innings); Cincinnati 7 New York 4; Pittsburgh 7 Philadelphia 4; Houston 4 Los Angeles 3; Montreal 5 St Louis 1; Chicago 17 Colorado 4; Atlanta 2 San Francisco 1. Saturday: Cincinnati 7, New York 5, San Francisco 7 Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2 Pittsburgh 1, San Diego 20 Florida 12, Colorado 10 Chicago 6, St Louis 6 Montreal 3, Los Angeles 6 Houston 5 (11 innings).

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	64	39	.621	—
Montreal	55	47	.539	8½
Florida	48	55	.466	16
New York	47	56	.456	17
Philadelphia	42	62	.404	22½
Central division				
St Louis	55	49	.529	—
Houston	55	50	.524	½
Cincinnati	50	49	.505	2½
Chicago	49	54	.476	5½
Pittsburgh	47	55	.461	7
West division				
San Diego	56	49	.533	—
Los Angeles	55	50	.524	1
Colorado	54	49	.524	1
San Francisco	45	58	.437	10

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP: Quarter-finals: Bedfordshire 115 Hertfordshire 113; Lincolnshire 115 Yorkshire 103, Surrey 123 Hampshire 118; Worcestershire 135 Wiltshire 117

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC National 100-mile championship (Kent): Men: 1, A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 3hr 43min 27sec; 2, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 3:44:40; 3, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 3:46:47. Team: Optimum Performance RT (K Dawson, P Curran, W Randle) 11:32:18. Women: 1, J Derham (Twickenham CC) 4:12:11; 2, J Reames (Swaledale CC) 4:18:42; 3, L Milne (Coalville Wheelers) 4:20:56. Team: Swaledale CC (Reames, K Staff, A Plant) 13:28:15. Mersey RC (Farndon, Cheshire, 24 hours): 1, D Brabbin (Wigan Wheelers) 462.425 miles; 2, K Austin (Congleton CC) 449.791; 3, A Pudsey (Hereford and Dist Wheelers) 445.894. Team: Mersey RC 1,144.165 miles. Nottingham Clarion (100 miles): 1, M Oliver (Kiveton Park CC) 3:53:58; 2, D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 3:57:47; 3, M Parrin (Sherwood CC) 3:57:50. Team: Derby Mercury 12:34:19. Belle Vue CC (Didcot, Oxfordshire, 50 miles): 1, I Cammish (Velo Vlento) 1:44:22 (event record); 2, S Howells (Corinium CC) 1:48:15; 3, A Cook (Chippenham and District Wheelers) 1:47:00. Team: Corinium CC 5:39:18. Aberdeen and District CA (50 miles): 1, N Brown (Deeside Thistle RC) 1:55:54; 2, W Hart (Aberdeen Multisport) 1:56:15; 3, M Wilson (Deeside Thistle) 2:00:38. Scarborough Paragon CC (Catterick, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (Parker International RT) 47:47 (course record); 2, P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo) 48:48; 3, M Evans (Barrow Central Wheelers) 50:24. Team: Stockton Wheelers 2:36:24. Junior: J Hewison (Teesdale CRC) 51:04 (British record). Somer Valley CC (Yeovil, 25 miles): 1, C Brooks (VC Camelot) 52:18 (course and event record); 2, S Batsford (Mid-Devon CC) 55:36; 3, D Russell (Mendip CC) 55:58. Team: VC Camelot 2:48:47. Barton Wheelers (Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 25 miles): 1, M Hope (Rotherham Wheelers) 55:19; 2, I Dalton (Cherry Valley RT) 55:32; 3, L Holmes (Morley CC) 55:36. Team: Alford Wheelers 2:58:22. South Manchester RCC (Chelford, Cheshire, 10 miles): 1, P Whittall (VC Halton) 21:53; 2, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wheelers) 22:01; 3, I Ball (Team Venom) 22:03. Essex RCC (Boreham, 50 miles): 1, C Smith (Old Portlians CC) 1:48:42; 2, R Laws (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 1:50:37; 3, M Meades (CC Romford) 1:51:44. Team: Eastbourne Rovers 6:05:28. Barnet CC (Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 25 miles): 1, S Howes (Team Energy) 54:37; 2, E Adkins (Leo RC) 56:41; 3, J Woodburn (Wessex VTTA) 57:56. Team: Team Welwyn 2:59:09. Edinburgh RC (Longniddry, 25 miles): 1, S McCaw (Edinburgh BC) 55:46; 2, D Marshall (Bonnyrigg CC) 56:29; 3, D Miller (VC Aster) 56:34. Team: Edinburgh RC (six riders) 5:59:21. Brereton Wheelers (Rugeley, Staffordshire, 25 miles): 1, S York (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 56:10; 2, A Silvester (Mid Shropshire Wh) 56:52; 3, G Watts (Team Rapide) 56:57. Team: Walsall RCC (fastest third rider) 1:02:03. Brough Wheelers (North Humberside, 10 miles): 1, A Hardy (Leo RC) 20:11; 2, A Jordan (Brough Wheelers) 20:31; 3, E Woollock (Brough Wheelers) 20:53. Team: Brough Wheelers 1:03.55.

ROAD RACES: Condor RC (Ripponden, West Yorkshire, 82.5 miles): 1, D Moralee (Featherstone RC) 3:29:52; 2, J Eyre (Maltby CC) at 24sec; 3, D Cook (Middridge CRT) same time.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Karrimor British open series (round four, Eastridge, nr Shrewsbury, 31.5 miles): Men: 1, P Lasenby (Mercedes-Marin) 2:03:52; 2, R Seymour (Rocky Mountain) at 23sec; 3, S Pomfret (Leisures Lakes RT) at 1:38. Women (25.2 miles): L Robinson (Team Raleigh) 2:00:28.

FOOTBALL

STENA LINE TOURNAMENT: Third place play-off: Glentoran 1 Stranraer 6. Final: Crusaders 2 St Mirren 1.

UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: France 1 Belgium 0 (at Besançon); Portugal 0 Hungary 3 (at Dijon). Group B: Spain 3 Italy 0 (in Luxembourg); Ireland 0 England 1 (at Amneville).

SIR JOHN MOORES CENTENARY TROPHY: Everton 2 Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 (Mönchengladbach won 3-2 on pens); Liverpool 0 FC Porto 2. Third place play-off: Everton 0 Liverpool 0. Final: Borussia Mönchengladbach 3 FC Porto 2.

INTERTOTO CUP: Second round, first leg: Ouralmash (Russ) 1 Silkeborg (Den) 2; Linz (Austria) 2 Rotor Volgograd (Russ) 2, Kamaz Tchelny (Russ) 2 Guingamp (Fr) 0; Standard Liege (Bel) 2 Nantes (Fr) 1

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Dorchester 0 Oxford United 2; Galway United 1 Fulham 1; Harrow Borough 0 Chesham 3; Hyde United 2 Huddersfield 3; Newry 0 Drogheda United 1; Shelbourne 0 St Johnstone 3; Tiverton Tn Bristol City 4; Blyth Spartans 2 Motherwell 3; Home Farm Everton 1 Albion 1; Chertsey Town 0 Brentford 1; Halifax 1 Rochdale 2; Gloucester City 2 Kidderminster 3; Holywell 1 Stoke 1; Gillingham 0 Nottm Forest 3; Welling 0 Charlton 5; Hull 1 Bolton 0; Bournemouth 2 Bristol Rovers 1; Carlisle 1 Kilmarnock 0; Brechin 0 Raith 3; Coleraine 0 Burnley 4; FAI Harp Lager XI 1 Manchester United 4; Peterboro 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0; Swindon 0 Chelsea 2.

GOLF

HILVERSUM CLUB: Men's Dutch Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 266: M McNulty (Zim) 67, 65, 66, 68. 267: S Hoch (US) 70, 68, 63, 66. 269: R Russell 68, 69, 67, 65; F Nobilo (NZ) 69, 68, 64, 68. 272: J Huston (US) 69, 65, 69, 69; J Van de Velde (Fr) 65, 70, 69, 68. 273: P Price 67, 72, 69, 65. 274: G Chalmers (Aus) 72, 66, 71, 65; D Chopra (Swe) 69, 70, 68, 67; R McFarlane 68, 68, 68, 70. 275: L Westwood 71, 69, 67, 68; D Howell 71, 65, 69, 70. 276: M McLean 73, 67, 69, 67; A Coltart 73, 68, 67, 68; J Spence 71, 67, 69, 69; P O'Malley (Aus) 67, 69, 70, 70; A Johnstone (Zim) 69, 68, 69, 70. 277: P Eales 68, 72, 71, 66; W Riley (Aus) 68, 71, 69, 69; R Goosen (SA) 70, 66, 72, 69; S Torrance 70, 71, 67, 69; P Lawrie 73, 68, 66, 70; C Suneson (Sp) 68, 67, 71, 71; D Clarke 69, 70, 67, 71. 278: S Field 66, 73, 70, 69; T Bjorn (Den) 71, 66, 71, 70; D Smyth 64, 67, 75, 72; P Linhart (Sp) 70, 69, 67, 72; R Chapman 68, 72, 66, 72. 279: D Gilford 68, 67, 72, 72; D Borrego (Sp) 72, 68, 68, 71; R Davis (Aus) 68, 70, 69, 72. 280: P Affleck 70, 70, 71, 69; P Curry 74, 67, 71, 68; P Broadhurst 71, 69, 67, 73; M Roe 71, 69, 67, 73. 281: M Clayton (Aus) 70, 69, 71, 71; R Muntz (Holl) 71, 70, 69, 71; D Carter 71, 69, 69, 72; I Pyman 69, 72, 67, 73; P Baker 72, 69, 67, 73; P Walton 69, 68, 70, 74; A Haglund (Swe) 68, 70, 69, 74. 282: M Mouland 71, 68, 71, 72; S Luna (Sp) 69, 69, 75, 69; J Pinero (Sp) 71, 69, 72, 70; S Cage 67, 67, 73, 75; * M Lafeber (Holl) 70, 70, 65, 77. 283: C Cevaer (Fr) 68, 72, 72, 71; H Clark 70, 69, 72, 72; S Ames (Trin) 71, 68, 70, 74; J Payne 70, 71, 67, 75. 284: R Coles 71, 70, 74, 69; P Nyman (Swe) 70, 71, 73, 70; R Wessels (SA) 71, 69, 73, 71; A Hunter 70, 70, 70, 74; C Mason 69, 69, 71, 75. 285: F Tarnaud (Fr) 75, 66, 73, 71. 286: R Claydon 66, 73, 77, 70; S Richardson 68, 73, 75, 70; P Golding 69, 70, 75, 72; G Emerson 70, 71, 73, 72. 288: C Hall 69, 71, 75, 73; D Williams 69, 71, 73, 75; D Feherty 65, 71, 73, 79. 289: M Tunnicliff 72, 68, 73, 76. 290: J Steenkamer (Holl) 69, 69, 76, 76. * denotes amateur.

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland: Senior British Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: B Barnes 72, 65, 66, 74. 280: B Charles (NZ) 68, 69, 69, 74; D Oakley (US) 71, 68, 69, 72. 281: T Horton 68, 74, 69, 70. 283: J Morgan 70, 71, 72, 70. 285: M Gregson 67, 74, 69, 75. 286: A Garrido (Sp) 72, 69, 72, 73; T Wargo (US) 68, 70, 76, 72; * V Giles (US) 71, 71, 73, 71. 287: N Coles 67, 70, 74, 76. 288: C Evans (US) 70, 70, 76, 72. 290: S Lancaster (US) 69, 74, 75, 72. * denotes amateur.

LONG GROVE, Illinois: Men's Senior tournament: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 133: W Morgan 63, 70. 134: R Floyd 69, 65; C C Rodriguez 72, 66. 138: G Marsh (Aus) 69, 69; D Graham (Aus) 69, 69; J Bland 70, 69; 139: K Zarley 70, 69; J Schroeder 72, 68. 140: J Kiefer 71, 69; R Acton 69, 71; R McBee 68, 72. 141: J Albus 73, 68; J Powell 69, 72; B Murphy 68, 73; G Gilbert 68, 73. 142: J Sigel 72, 70. 143: A Geiberger 74, 69; F Conner 72, 71; S Hobday (SA) 72, 71; C Peete 71, 72; B E Smith 70, 73; B Allin 70, 73. 144: I Aoki (Japan) 74, 70; D Rhyan 73, 71; J Dent 72, 72; J Colbert 71, 73; L Trevino 71, 73; D Eichelberger 71, 73. 145: M Hill 73, 72; J C Snead 72, 73; T Dill 72, 73; D Hendrickson 72, 73; H Irwin 71, 74. 146: D Weaver 77, 69; J Jiménez 76, 70; L Laoretti 76, 70; J McGee 72, 74; R Thompson 72, 74; B Crampton 72, 74; D Stockton 72, 74. 147: M Amario 75, 72; B Devlin 73, 74; B Stroble 73, 74; A Jacklin (GB) 72, 75; B Summerhays 69, 78. 148: B Eastwood 77, 71; H Blancas 73, 75; T Shaw 71, 77. 149: J P Cain 77, 72; D Ojala 77, 72; K Still 75, 74; G Brewer 74, 75; B Henry 73, 76; T Aaron 73, 76. 150: D Massengale 75, 75; M Barber 75, 75.

SUTTON, Massachusetts: CVS Charity Classic tournament: Leading third-round scores: (US unless stated): 199: J Cook 65, 67, 67. 202: B Fleisher 65, 67, 70. 203: R Cochran 68, 64, 71. 204: C Rymer 72, 66, 66; B Faxon 70, 67, 67; P Burke 70, 64, 70. 205: M Dawson 68, 69, 68; Jim McGovern 68, 69, 68; B Henninger 66, 67, 70. 206: N Henke 69, 70, 67; B Andrade 67, 70, 69; K Perry 66, 71, 69; M Standly 68, 67, 71; E Aubrey 66, 69, 71. 207: W Wood 71, 69, 67, J Inman (GB) 70, 68, 69; M Reid (GB) 67, 70, 70; G Kraft 70, 67, 70; P Azinger 69, 68, 70; W Levi 70, 65, 72. Other scores: 210: W Grady (Aus) 71 68 71. 211: S Appleby (Aus) 71 69 71. 214: S Rintoul (Aus) 72 69 73

SAGGART, Dublin: Women's Guardian Irish Open: Final scores: (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: A Nicholas 69, 73, 65, 70. 285: T Johnson 70, 73, 71, 71. 286: N Fink (Austria) 73, 72, 70, 71; L Davies 71, 73, 69, 73. 287: S Gustafson (Swe) 73, 73, 69, 72. 288: P Grice-Whittaker 71, 71, 71, 75. 289: A Shapcott 70, 74, 75, 70; L Jensen (US) 71, 76, 70, 72; L Hackney 76, 73, 67, 73. 290: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 72, 77, 70, 71; R Hetherington (Aus) 75, 73, 70, 72. 291: J Morley 76, 72, 73, 70; D Barnard 71, 78, 69, 73; G Stewart 71, 74, 72, 74; M Preti (It) 72, 71, 72, 76; P Meunier Lebouc (Fr) 73, 75, 66, 77. 292: T Craik 75, 74, 72, 71; F Dassu (It) 72, 73, 72, 75. 293: J Soulsby 77, 71, 74, 71; S Gronberg (Swe) 75, 74, 71, 73; T Fischer (Ger) 72, 76, 70, 75; S Nicklin 75, 71, 71, 76; M McKinlay 76, 68, 72, 77. 294: P Sterner (Swe) 77, 72, 75, 70; E-J Smith 74, 74, 74, 72. 295: M Koch (Ger) 74, 74, 75, 72; K Orum (Den) 76, 73, 73, 73; L Navarro (Sp) 73, 77, 72, 73; K Orum (Den) 76, 73, 73, 73; L Navarro (Sp) 73, 77, 72, 73; A-M Knight (Aus) 73, 72, 75, 75; V Michaud (Fr) 73, 74, 72, 76. 296: C Eliasson Wharton (Swe) 74, 74, 78, 70; P Rigby-Jinglov (Swe) 75, 76, 74, 71; A Gotmo (Swe) 75, 72, 77, 72; L Fairclough 74, 77, 73, 72; L Lambert 76, 70, 75, 75; M-G Estuesta (Phils) 75, 74, 69, 78; S Eriksson (Swe) 71, 71, 71, 83. 297: A Rogers 72, 77, 71, 77. 298: I Tinning (Den) 79, 70, 76, 73; J Leary (Aus) 75, 77, 73, 73; D Dowling 76, 77, 72, 73; W Dicks 73, 74, 77, 74; M Hageman (Holl) 75, 77, 71, 75. 299: * E-R Power 74, 74, 79, 72; A-C Jonesson (Swe) 75, 74, 77, 73; A Arruti (Sp) 74, 73, 75, 77. 300: L Weima (Holl) 73, 75, 80, 72; L Brooky (NZ) 73, 76, 77, 72; R Carriedo (Sp) 74, 79, 73, 74; H Koch (Swe) 73, 77, 75, 75; C Dibnah (Aus) 76, 77, 72, 75; L Freund (Bel) 76, 75, 73, 76. 301: K Pearce (Aus) 75, 76, 77, 73; C Duffy 76, 73, 77, 75; C Schmitt (Fr) 71, 71, 82, 77. 302: D Eckroth (US) 78, 74, 78, 72; S Main (Swe) 75, 73, 80, 74; B Pestana (SA) 75, 73, 76, 78; S Dallongeville (Fr) 73, 77, 74, 78. 304: * S Fanagan 75, 76, 78, 73; N Buxton 77, 75, 77, 75. 306: * S Keane 75, 77, 79, 75. 307: E Krause af Verchou (Swe) 76, 73, 79, 77. 308: J Head 75, 73, 75, 85. 309: I Yeoh (Malay) 78, 75, 72, 84. 311: L van Engelenburg (Holl) 80, 73, 78, 80. 312: L Tadiotto 80, 73, 76, 83. * denotes amateur.

ST LOUIS: Women's Heartland Classic: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 202: V Fergon 71, 63, 68. 208: P Hurst 70, 72, 66. 210: P Hammel 68, 73, 69. 211: J Inkster 70, 72, 69. 212: B King 71, 73, 68; C H Koch 69, 73, 70. 213: V Goetze 71, 73, 69; C Nilsmark 71, 72, 70; C Pierce 69, 72, 72; D Ammaccapane 67, 74, 72. 214: C Johnston-Forbes 75, 71, 68; N Taylor 74, 70, 70, P Sinn 73, 71, 70; T Barrett 73, 71, 70; L Neumann 69, 74, 71; B Mucha 69, 74, 71; M McNamara 71, 69, 74.

MOTORCYCLING

SUZUKA, Japan: World endurance championship (Fourth leg, 8 hour race) 1, C Edwards (US) and N Haga (Japan), Yamaha, 8hrs 2min 6.441sec; 2, A Gobert (Aus) and S Crafar (NZ), Kawasaki, at 1min 9.595sec; 3, C Fogarty (GB) and T Aoki (Japan), Honda, at 1 lap. 4, S Tsukamoto and Akira Ryo (Jpn), Kawasaki, 1; 5, A Yanagawa and S Takeishi (Jpn), Kawasaki, 3. Selected: 10, K McCarthy (Aus) and J Reynolds (GB), Suzuki, 5.

JININ: Czech Republic motocross grand prix: 125cc: First race: 1, P Malin (Eng, Yamaha); 2, S Tortelli (Fr, Kawasaki); 3, F Vialle (Fr, Yamaha); 4, P Dupasquier (Switz, Kawasaki); 5, M Del Lago (It, Honda); 6, T Traversini (It, Husqvarna). Second race: 1, Tortelli, 2, Vialle; 3, A Belometti (It, Honda); 4, Malin; 5, M Fanton (It, Kawasaki); 6, E Camerlengo (It, Yamaha). Overall positions: 1, Tortelli 37pts; 2, Malin 33; 3, Vialle 32; 4, Belometti 21. 5, C Dugmore (SA, Honda) 17; 6, D Lago 16. World championship positions: (after 11 of 12 rounds): 1, Tortelli 392pts (world champion); 2, Malin 305; 3, Vialle 271; 4, L Seguy (Fr, TM) 168; 5, Fanton 148; 6, Dugmore 141.

MOTOR RALLYING

AUCKLAND: Rally of New Zealand: Leading positions (13 stage): 1, P Liatti and F Pons (It, Subaru Impreza) 1hr 52min 16sec; 2, R Burns and R Reid (GB, Mitsubishi Lancer) 1:52:22; 3, K Eriksson and S Parmander (Swe, Subaru Impreza) 1:52:58. 4, J McAndrew and B Haldane (NZ, Subaru Legacy) 1:58:16; 5, G Argyle and R Bennett (NZ, Nissan Pulsar) 1:58:44; 6, B Herbert and R Ryan (NZ, Subaru Impreza) 1:59:04; 7, M Guest and S O'Brien (Aus, Mitsubishi Lancer) 1:59:12; 8, R Jones and L Bult (NZ, Mitsubishi Lancer) 1:59:23; 9, M Rosenburg and C Smith (NZ, Mitsubishi Lancer) 2:00:00; 10, G Graham and J Robb (NZ, Subaru Impreza) 2:00:05

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting: Queen's Prize: 1, A Marion (Canada) 298.41pts; 2, S/Ldr David Calvert (RAF/Comber) 298.41; 3, A Luckman (Sedgmoor TSC) 297.49 Top woman: J Ouston (Old Epsomian) 296.41 St George's Challenge Vase: 1, J Lewis (ATRC) 149.19; 2, S Belither (Uppingham Veterans) 148.19; 3, Miss J Messer (N London) 148.19. Mackinnon Trophy (Teams of 12). 1, Australia 1,161.143, 2, Canada 1,148.115; 3, Scotland 1,147.127. Junior Mackinnon (Teams of four): 1, Malaysia 384.46; 2, Texas 379.38; 3, Prairie Provinces 373.31. Universities Long Range: 1, London 381.40; 2, Oxford 380.35, 3, Nottingham 379.37. World Veterans (Over 60): Short Range Teams: 1, Australia 1,160.151, 2, Great Britain 1,149.132, 3, South Africa 1,148.110. Howard Wilkinson Trophy (300 and 600yds): 1, D Gladwin (Fife and Kinloss) 100.18; 2, C Laighton (KCS Old Boys) 100.14; 3, M Smith (Rand RC) 100.13. Land Rover Discovery Challenge (1,000yds): 1, L Peden (OCRA) 75.9; 2, P Bromley (Kent) 73.7; 3, S Birkenhead (Marydown) 73.6. Veterans aggregate: 1, A Clarke (ATRC) 583.65; 2, C Canter (Prairie Provinces) 576.66, 3, V Carpenter (Lloyds Bank) 575.57. Howe Cup (Long range pistol): Oxford University 8.437. Advancing Targets PCF Teams: 1, RAFPC 215, 2, S London 212.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 55 Ipswich 41; Coventry 55 Oxford 41, Cradley Heath and Stoke 60 London 36

CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Arena Essex 41 Buxton 37. Swindon 43 Devon 35

TENNIS

KITZBUHEL, Austria: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Berasategui (Sp) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt J-A Viloca (Sp) 7-6, 6-1. Final: Berasategui bt Corretja 6-2, 6-4, 6-4

QUEENSWOOD, Hertfordshire: European under-16 championships: Boys: Quarter-finals: R Vik (Cz) bt J Jeanpierre (Fr) 6-3, 6-3, A Derepasko (Russ) bt O Rochus (Bel) 6-3, 6-4, I Labadze (Georgia) bt M Safin (Russ) 6-4, 6-4; A Ram (Isr) w/o X Malisse (Bel) scr. Semi-finals: Vik bt Derepasko 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; Labadze bt Ram 6-4, 7-5. Final: Labadze bt Vik 6-4, 6-2. Girls: Quarter-finals: G Ostermann (Ger) bt L Del Angelo (It) 6-3, 6-3; S Urickova (Slovakia) bt K Chevalier (Fr) 6-4, 6-1, M Mihalache (Rom) bt E Le Vescond (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; S Sebova (Slovakia) bt J Srebotnik (Slovenia) 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: Urickova bt Ostermann 6-3, 6-2; Sebova bt M Mihalache 6-1, 6-3. Final: Sebova bt Urickova 7-6, 3-6, 6-0

WATER POLO

FIRST DIVISION: Penguin 1 Polytechnic 0; Birkenhead 4 Lancaster 24; Nova 12 Cheltenham 6; Exeter 7 Brixton 14; Coventry 4 Royton 16; Birkenhead 13 Royton 16; Coventry 7 Lancaster 10, Exeter 14 Cheltenham 12; Nova 11 Bristol 10.

ATHLETICS

BEDFORD: Bedford Borough Council AAA under-20 championships (including world junior championships trials): Junior men: 100m: 1, D Chambers (Haringey) 10.42sec; 2, J Henthorne (Carmarthen) 10.47, 3, U Ugono (Herne Hill) 10.55. 200m: 1, C Malcolm (Cardiff) 21.32sec; 2, U Ugono (Herne Hill) 21.39; 3, M Findlay (Blackheath) 21.39. 400m: 1, G Dearman (Hounslow) 47.55; 2, R Edu (Shaftesbury Barnet) 47.87; 3, K Stewart (Scottish Borders) 47.94. 800m: 1, J Nolan (University College, Dublin) 1min 49.95sec; 2, T Lerwill (Belgrave) 1:50.21; 3, C Moss (Blackheath) 1:51.63. 1,500m: 1, A Walker (Dublin) 3:47.21; 2, G Cuddy (Sale) 3:49.36; 3, L Morrissey (Ferrybank) 3:49.82. 3,000m: G Ferguson (Cambuslang) 8:48.68. 5,000m: 1, A Jones (Cardiff) 14:39.57; 2, A Graffin (Tonbridge) 14:44.11; 3, A Dunleavy (Dundrum, Ire) 14:48.09. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, B Whitby (Hounslow) 8:59.09; 2, K Nash (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 9:01.42; 3, S Wurr (Leamington) 9:20.99. 110m hurdles: 1, D Greaves (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.20sec; 2, R Baillie (Victoria Park) 14.43; 3, B Warmington (North Shields Poly) 14.92. 400m hurdles: 1, M Rowlands (Swansea) 52.38; 2, C Robertson-Adams (Telford) 52.55; 3, B Liddy 52.76 High jump: 1, J Brierley (Telford) 2.21m; 2, B Challenger (Charnwood) 2.15m; 3, D Graham (Liverpool) 2.09m. Pole vault: 1, C Linskey (Barnsley) 5.10m; 2, M Davis (Corby) 4.95; 3, C Gute (Rotherham) 4.90. Long jump: 1, N Morgan (Leicester Coritanians) 7.65m; 2, D Clenhew (City of Edinburgh) 7.27; 3, G Audu (Thames Valley) 7.14. Triple jump: 1, J Peacock (Thurrock) 15.04m; 2, M Bramble (Blackheath) 14.88; 3, C Madeira-Cole (Carmarthen) 14.80. Shot: 1, C Myerscough (Blackpool and Fylde) 15.52m; 2, E Udechuku (Blackheath) 15.24; 3, B Robb (Babcock Pitreavie) 14.64. Discus: 1, C Myerscough (Blackpool and Fylde) 50.60m; 2, E Udechuku (Blackheath) 48.18; 3, B Robb (Babcock Pitreavie, holder) 47.14. Hammer: 1, J Thompson (Tullamore, Ire) 57.54m; 2, J Urquhart (Shettleston) 56.32; 3, M Bell (Corby) 55.22. Javelin: 1, D Parker (Scarborough) 68.94m; 2, M Francis (Sutton) 65.26m; 3, N McLellan (Stevenage and North Herts) 56.46. 10km walk: 1, J Costin (University College, Dublin) 44min 55.20sec; 2, B O'Donnell (Cranford) 48:52.23; 3, M Hales (Steyning) 50:17.25. Junior women: 100m: 1, R Drummond (City of Stoke) 11.69sec; 2, M Rostek (City of Glasgow) 11.86; 3, N Hynd (Babcock Pitreavie) 11.93. 200m: 1, V Shipman (Derby Ladies, holder) 24.20sec; 2, D Graham (Essex Ladies) 24.21; 3, S Wilhenny (Essex Ladies) 24.25. 400m: 1, E Symonds (Norfolk Olympiads) 54.86; 2, L Owusu (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 54.93; 3, L Thorne (Wycombe Phoenix) 56.16. 800m: 1, A Prichard (Cardiff) 2min 7.59sec; 2, E O'Hare (Cirencester) 2:08.8; 3, R Ogden (Rowntree) 2:09.17. 1,500m: 1, J Oldfield (Birchfield) 4:30.10; 2, M Mann (Preston) 4:32.09; 3, J Ingham (Barnsley) 4:35.34. 3,000m: 1, N Mann (Preston) 9:43.23; 2, K Skopupska (Fife) 9:43.90; 3, S Fairweather (City of Glasgow) 9:44.91. 5,000m: 1, B Dagne (Essex Ladies) 16:40.0, 2, T Gelenesh (Essex Ladies) 17:37.2; 3, T Povey (South West Road Runners) 17:43.9. 100m hurdles: 1, N Danvers (Croydon) 13.78sec; 2, D Bolton (Wigan) 13.98; 3, J Pratt (Essex Ladies) 14.08. 400m hurdles: 1, V Jamison (Lagan Valley) 52.27sec (championship record); 2, K Williams (Swansea) 60.23; 3, K Jones (Trafford) 61.80. High jump: 1, R Forrest (Birchfield) 1.85m; 2, M Dunkley (Kettering Town) 1.85, 3, S Jones (Wigan) 1.77. Pole vault: 1, R Clarke (Essex Ladies) 3.50m; 2, C Ridgley (Team Solent) 3.20; 3, R Roles (Swansea) 3.10. Long jump: 1, S Claxton (Colchester and Tendring) 6.23m; 2, F Freeman (Leeds City) 5.92; 3, L Eden (Trafford) 5.84. Triple jump: 1, E Gibbens (Bromley Ladies) 12.17m; 2, J Morris (Newbury) 11.77, 3, J Hurst (City of Stoke) 11.76. Shot: 1, P Roles (Swansea) 13.76m; 2, C Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 13.53; 3, J Dunkley (Dartford) 13.14. Discus: 1, L Keightley (Bracknell) 48.24m, 2, P Roles (Swansea) 47.58, 3, D Williams (Sale) 41.36. Hammer: 1, H Arnold (City of Portsmouth) 50.63m; 2, R Beverley (Mandale) 48.40, 3, E Pidgeon (Essex Ladies) 46.88. Javelin: 1, T Francis (Bournemouth) 45.74m; 2, L Smith (Ipswich) 44.68; 3, J Kemp (Liverpool) 44.14. 5km walk: 1, R Comerford (Kilkenny) 24min 40.2sec; 2, N Howley (Sheffield RWC) 24:48.1; 3, S Bennett (Birchfield) 25:50.1. Boys: Under-15: 3,000m: R Ward (Sutton) 9:13.60.

GUARDIAN INSURANCE MEN'S GOLD CUP: Semi-finals: (first two teams qualify for final at Hendon on August 31): Hendon: 100m: D Joyce (Thames Valley) 10.8sec. 200m: B Ghent (Coventry Godiva) 21.4. 400m: D McKenzie (Shaftesbury Barnet) 47.3. 800m: A Hart (Coventry Godiva) 1min 53.0sec. 1,500m: D English (Havering Mayesbrook) 3:53.1. 5,000m: I Harkness (Old Gaytonians) 15:02.5. 10,000m: A Coleman (Enfield) 31:08.2. 3,000m steeplechase: K McGuire (Coventry Godiva) 9:10.4. 110m hurdles: M Stern (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.4. 400m hurdles: G Dunson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 52.8sec. 4 x 100m relay: Shaftesbury Barnet 41.5. 4 x 400m relay: Coventry Godiva 3min 16.8sec. High jump: S Judge (Coventry Godiva) 1.95m. Pole vault: P Williamson (Thames Valley) 5.45m (Cup record). Long jump: J Shepherd (Enfield) 7.27m. Triple jump: J Golley (Thames Valley) 15.80m. Shot: N Spratley (Reading) 15.93m. Discus: S Williams (Enfield) 55.76m. Hammer: M Jones (Shaftesbury Barnet) 66.54m. Javelin: T Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 66.20m. Match result: 1, Shaftesbury Barnet 138pts; 2, Thames Valley Harriers 119; 3, Coventry Godiva 107; 4, Enfield 104; 5, Old Gaytonians 88; 6, Havering Mayesbrook 56; 7, Reading 55; 8, Cambridge Harriers 48. Athlete-of-the-match: P Williamson (Thames Valley). Liverpool: 100m: D Money (Sale) 11.0sec. 200m: A Condon (Sale) 21.5. 400m: D Nolan (Belgrave) 47.4. 800m: R Waters (Sale) 1min 52.2sec. 1,500m: G Brown (City of Edinburgh) 3:56.8. 10,000m: N Peach (Sale) 31:20.6. 3,000m steeplechase: M Amor (Border) 9:25.9. 110m hurdles: C Rawlinson (Belgrave) 14.9. 400m hurdles: D Barneston (City of Edinburgh) 53.6. 4 x 100m relay: Sale 41.4. 4 x 400m relay: Sale 3min 11.9sec. High jump: T Peacock (Liverpool) 2.10m. Pole vault: Ashurst (Sale) 4.90m. Long jump: J Gilbert (City of Edinburgh) 7.01. Triple jump: J Hilton (Sale) 15.09m. Discus: K Brown (Belgrave) 52.08m. Shot: S Hayward (Sale) 18.20m. Hammer: P Spivey (Belgrave) 53.74m. Javelin: N Bevan (Belgrave) 69.90m. Match result: 1, Sale 147; 2, Belgrave 121; 3, City of Edinburgh 112; 4, Border 109; 5, Liverpool 82; 6, Babcock Pitreavie 64; 7, Wigan 46; 8, Rotherham 32. Athlete-of-the-match: S Hayward (Sale). Stoke-on-Trent: 100m: K Williams (Cardiff) 10.7. 200m: D Turner (Cardiff) 21.2. 400m: S McHardy (Birchfield) 48.0. 800m: D Locker (City of Stoke) 1min 55.0sec. 1,500m: N Comerford (Cardiff) 3:52.1. 5,000m: C Bowditch (City of Stoke) 14:22.1. 10,000m: S Tobin (Swansea) 30:25.3. 3,000m steeplechase: D Burrows (Birchfield) 9:06.9. 110m hurdles: J Archampong (Swansea) 14.7. 400m hurdles: P Hibbert (Birchfield) 51.3. 4 x 100m relay: Cardiff 41.4. 4 x 400m relay: Birchfield 3 15.3sec. High jump: M Latham (City of Stoke) 2m. Pole vault: K Hughes (Haringey) 5.20m. Long jump: S Phillips (Birchfield) 7.52m. Triple jump: J Flynn (Birchfield) 15.08m. Discus: N Woolcott (Haringey) 46.46m. Shot: D Callaway (Haringey) 15.98m. Hammer: S Peacock (Birchfield) 63.62m. Javelin: M Roberson (Haringey) 77.04m. Match result: 1, Birchfield 133; 2, Haringey 119; 3, Cardiff 109; 4, City of Stoke 108; 5, Swansea 80; 6, Telford 80; 7, Notts 61; 8, Birmingham Rowheath 38. Athlete-of-the-match: M Roberson (Haringey).

ROAD RUNNING: Chigwell Row: Ilford Hilly five miles: 1, G Starnes (Belgrave) 24:49; 2, A Kokar (Ilford) 25:45; 3, E Knox (Croydon) 26:25. Veteran: A Cation (Ilford) 26:30. Women: 1, D Sullivan (Havering Mayesbrook) 30:33, 2, V Lescombe (East Essex Triathletes) 32:02; 3, N Barnett (Havering Mayesbrook) 32:51. Bishop Wilton: Yorkshire Wolds half-marathon: 1, J Mayo (Knavesmire) 1hr 14min 24sec; 2, A Dent (Blaydon) 1:14:47; 3, G Hemblade (York Priory Street Panthers) 1:16:54. Team: York Priory Street Panthers. Veteran: J Sullivan (Wigginton) 1:17.58. Women: 1, S Garrod (Goole Viking Striders) 1:28:39; 2, P Goldthorpe (Morley Running Club) 1:32:49, 3, J Smith (Kippax Harriers) 1:42:26

Liz McColgan, far left, of Great Britain, manages to dodge an official who gets in the way of runners in the early stages of the women's marathon at the Olympic Games yestyerday. Results: page 28. Photograph: Pat Benic

CLUB CRICKET

APS TWO COUNTIES LEAGUE: Achilles 138-9, Halstead 189-7; Braintree 180-5, Bury St Edmunds 17; Clacton 49-1, Abberton 48; Dunmow 112, Sudbury 241-4; O Ipswichians 171, Wivenhoe 187-9; Witham 188, Maldon 191-5.

BERKSHIRE LEAGUE: Frimley 178-2, Farley Hill 176; Pinkneys Green 233-8, Yateley 237-3; Wargrave 240-5, Goring 241-3; Sonning 191-4, West Ilsley 192-2; Sandhurst 178, Woodley 112.

BOLTON LEAGUE: Eagley 135, Walkden 137-1; Farnworth S C 182-8, Kearsley 184-5; Greenmount 191-9, Egerton 194-4; Heaton 81, Astley Bridge 99, Little Lever 267-7, Farnworth 211-8; Tonge 180-7, Westhoughton 183-9; Horwich 255, Bradshaw 275-6.

BOWERS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE: Bradford and Bingley 294-3 dec, Yeadon 118; East Bierley 248-4 dec, Undercliffe 157; Farsley 286-4 dec, Pudsey St Lawrence 138-7, Idle 169-9, Windhill 168; Pudsey Congs 169-0, Saltaire 165-8 dec; Spen Victoria 223-8 dec, Hanging Heaton 123-7, Yorkshire Bank 93-1, Bowling Old Lane 91

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Letchworth 179-7, Welwyn Garden City 153-9, Bishop'S Stortford 163-7, Langleybury 146-9; Watford Town 118, Luton Town 122-3; Cheshunt 83-0, Hoddesdon 82; Stevenage 282-4, North Mymms 64-4 (match drawn); Potters Bar 214-9, Hitchin 215-8; Radlett 116, St Albans 117-8; Hemel Hempstead 185-5, Hertford 129; Barnet 208-8, Sawbridgeworth 142-9; Berkhamstead 181-8, West Herts 158.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Denby Dale 128, Old Almondburians 237-7; Dewsbury Moorlands 153-5, Holmbridge 151-9, Dodworth 138-7, Thurstonland 139-2; Higham 176-8, Lepton 205-8; Upper Hopton 56-3, Cumberworth 55, Clayton West 91-4, Hoylandswaine 90

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY LEAGUE: Quarndon 154-8, A & B 157-6, Langley Mill 227-9, Ilkeston 228-3; Stainsby Hall 209-9, Ockbrook 210-1; Sawley 165, Morton 162; West Hallam 133, Denby 136-2. Spondon 247-7, Wirksworth 205-8

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Broad Oak 233-9, Kirkburton 263-5, Elland 149-1, Hall Bower 148-8; Lascelles Hall 183-6, Holmfirth 252-6. Meltham 95-3, Slaithwaite 94-9, Scholes 249-5, Kirkheaton 181-7; Skelmanthorpe 231-4, Marsden 165-3; Thongsbridge 140-0, Shepley 137-6

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Woodhouses 203, Cheetham Hill 142, Dukinfield 63, Denton 66-2; Glossop 131, Denton West 134-4; Irlam 184-9, Denton St Law 185-4; Longsight 198-7, Roe Green 197-8; Thornham 178-7, Prestwich 107; Woodbank 171-9, Sale Moor 173-6;

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Ealing 182-8, Brondesbury 192-7; Brentham 198-8, Finchley 204-4; Hornsey 282-5, Richmond 193; Shepherds Bush 226-6, Nth Middlesex 151; Stanmore 88-7, Uxbridge 132; Sth Hampstead 219-5, Teddington 223-3, Southgate 183-8, Wembley 185-4; Enfield 207-6, Winchmore Hill 136-5;

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Basingstoke 229-3, Maidenhead & B 172-7; Boyne Hill 128, Beaconsfield 130-2; Chesham 153-8, O M T 155-3; Reading 162, Eastcote 164-4; Kidmore End 249-4, Harefield 253-2; Finchampstead 252-2, Hayes 201; Slough 310-4, High Wycombe 227-5; Wokingham 286-2, Marlow 169; Ickenham 233-6, Cove 183-6; Bessborough 239-8, Tring Park 226-7.

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE LEAGUE: Vauxhall Mallards 132-7, Ingham 123; North Wanderers 148-9, Downham 172-5, Swardeston 168, Horsford 164-4, North Barleycorns 242-5, North Runcton 114-6, O.Buckenham 220-3, Cromer 158-5;

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Bignall End 198-5, Knypersley 88; Stone 238-4, Caverswall 211-9; Crewe 73, Longton 76-4; Leek 229-3, Audley 187-5; Little Stoke 209-4, Cheadle 157-8; Porthill Park 151, Elworth 135-9; Stafford 202-6, Ashcombe Park 175-7;

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chorley 206-7, Lancaster 109-8; St Annes 182-8, Fleetwood 186-7; Morecambe 153-2, Leyland 147-6; Netherfield 252-6, Darwen 95; Preston 139, Kendal 128.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Blackburn N 244-8, Settle 189-8; Cherry Tree 184, Ribblesdale W. 165-5; Clitheroe 103, Padiham 106-8; Earby 185-5, Osw. Immanuel 184-9; Edenfield 156, Great Harwood 159-6; Read 234-5, Baxenden 159-6; Whalley 185-6, Barnoldswick 186-1.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Furness 158-8, Askam 136-8; Carlisle 167-8, Workington 82; Haverigg 254-5, Carnforth 255-1; Vickerstown 112, Dalton 114-3; Barrow 241-9, Millom 114-9; Cleator 225-8, Vickers S C 226-2; Whitehaven 135, Penrith 139-7;

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Sheff Coll 211-7, Harrogate 217-1; Appleby Frod 171-8, Rotherham 175-4; Sheff Utd 158-4, Barnsley 155; Yorks Acady 144, Doncaster 96; Castleford 238-8, Scarborough 241-9; Driffield 222-6, York 226-5; Hull 145, Cleethorpes 147-6

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Yesterday

Leeds 34 Paris 12

Leeds: Tries: Bell, Holroyd 2, Kemp, Shaw. Goals: Holroyd 7. Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Bird, Bloomfield. Goals: Smith 2. Att: 6,479.

Workington 20 Castleford 46

Workington: Tries: Allen, Grima, Johnson. Goals: Watson 4. Castleford Tigers: Tries: C Smith 2, Harland, Middleton, Richardson, Smales 2. Goals: Botica 9. Att: 1,622.

Saturday

London 28 St Helens 32

London Broncos: Tries: Bawden, Roskell 2, Rosolen. Goals: Barwick 6. St Helens: Tries: Gibbs, Hayes, Matautia, Newlove, Perelini 2. Goals: Goulding 4. Att: 6,241.

Friday's late result

Wigan 34 Halifax 26

Wigan: Tries: Connolly, Ellison, Murdock, Paul, Radlinski, Tuigamala. Goals: Farrell 5. Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Baldwin, Dean, Schuster, Tullagi. Goals: Schuster 5. Att: 8,221.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	18	16	0	2	764	411	32
Wigan	18	15	1	2	688	283	31
Bradford	17	13	0	4	574	336	26
Warrington	17	10	0	7	440	403	20
London	18	9	1	8	500	401	19
Castleford	18	8	0	10	486	467	16
Sheffield	17	8	0	9	490	524	16
Halifax	18	7	1	10	492	474	15
Oldham	17	7	1	9	371	512	15
Leeds	18	5	0	13	431	529	10
Paris	18	3	1	14	344	658	7
Workington	18	2	1	15	255	817	5

First division

Yesterday

Featherstone 26 Keighley 48

Featherstone: Tries: Molloy 2, Powell, Rombo. Goals: Pearson 5. Keighley Cougars: Tries: Fleary, Jason Critchley, King 3, Parsons, Powell, Tawhai, Whakarau. Goals: Dixon, Irving 5. Att: 2,396.

Salford 23 Hull 14

Salford Reds: Tries: Edwards, Sini 2. Goals: Blakeley 5. Dropped goal: Lee. Hull: Tries: Fitzgerald, Webber. Goals: Hewitt 3. Att: 4,059

Whitehaven 36 Dewsbury 8

Whitehaven: Tries: Kiddie, Lewthwaite, Quirk, Seeds 2. Goals: Maguire 8. Dewsbury: Tries: G Bell, Worthy. Att: 901.

Saturday

Rochdale 24 Wakefield 28

Rochdale: Tries: Alvarez, Fa'aoso, Mackie, Pucill. Goals: Pachniuk 4. Wakefield: Tries: Conway, Copestake, Davis, Flynn. Goals: Davis 6. Att: 1,065.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	16	15	0	1	596	253	30
Featherstone	17	11	2	4	509	301	24
Keighley	16	11	2	3	404	272	24
Hull	16	11	0	5	427	307	22
Huddersfield	16	10	0	6	447	250	20
Wakefield	16	7	1	8	365	363	15
Widnes	15	7	0	8	313	318	14
Dewsbury	16	5	1	10	221	458	11
Whitehaven	17	4	1	12	260	448	9
Rochdale	17	2	1	14	264	508	5
Batley	16	1	2	13	170	518	4

Second division

Yesterday

Chorley 18 South Wales 18

Chorley Magpies: Tries: Ashcroft, Gee, Wareing. Goals: Stewart 2. South Wales: Tries: Bebb, Currier, Marshall. Goals: Bebb 2. Dropped goals: Wallington 2. Att: 350.

Hunslet 50 Barrow 6

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Flowers, Irwin 2, Mass 2, Murphy, Rodger, Southernwood 2, Wilson. Goals: Wilson 5. Barrow: Try: Burns. Goal: Atkinson. Att: 910.

Prescot 24 Carlisle 56

Prescot Panthers: Tries: Callaghan, Harris, Ledger, Scholes. Goals: Fanning 4. Carlisle: Tries: Bell, G Charlton, G Ruddy 2, Kavanagh, Manihera, Nable, Russell 3. Goals: Richardson 8. Att: 299.

Friday's late result

York 6 Leigh 31

York: Try: Smirk. Goal: Precious. Leigh Centurions: Tries: Ball, Ingram, O'Loughlin, Purtill. Goals: Purtill 7. Dropped goal: Mason. Att: 503.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	17	16	0	1	824	246	32
Hunslet	18	15	0	3	804	267	30
Swinton	17	14	0	3	565	251	28
Carlisle	18	12	0	6	566	353	24
South Wales	18	10	0	8	465	434	20
Doncaster	17	10	0	7	413	403	20
Leigh	18	8	0	10	495	390	16
York	18	7	0	11	352	521	14
Barrow	18	4	0	14	290	552	8
Bramley	17	4	0	13	279	600	8
Chorley	18	4	0	14	271	653	8
Prescot	18	2	0	16	239	693	4

Australian premiership

Auckland 18 S Queensland 12
Sydney Bulldogs 16 W Suburbs 20
Canberra 32 Penrith 16
Illawarra 16 Sydney City 32
Parramatta 18 Western Reds 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly	17	15	0	2	417	139	30
Sydney City	17	13	0	4	433	235	26
Brisbane	17	12	0	5	425	203	24
North Sydney	16	11	1	4	403	259	23
Cronulla	16	10	1	5	292	194	21
Auckland	17	10	0	7	324	298	20
Canberra	17	9	1	7	390	322	19
Newcastle	17	9	1	7	326	282	19
St George	17	9	1	7	318	296	19
W Suburbs	17	9	1	7	317	310	19
Parramatta	17	9	0	8	318	303	18
Sydney Tigers	17	9	0	8	261	359	18
Sydney B	17	6	0	11	234	302	12
Penrith	17	5	1	11	289	298	11
Gold Coast	17	5	1	11	303	371	11
South Sydney	17	5	1	11	268	452	11
Illawarra	17	5	0	12	284	378	10
Western Reds	17	4	1	12	219	332	9
S Queensland	17	4	0	13	164	388	8
N Queensland	17	4	0	13	221	485	8

RUGBY UNION

International match

Australia 25 New Zealand 32

Australia: Tries: Gregan, Burke. Pens: Burke 5. New Zealand: Tries: Marshall, Bunce. Cons: Mehrtens 2. Pens: Mehrtens 6

(in Brisbane)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	90	42	13
Australia	3	1	0	2	52	91	5
South Africa	2	0	0	2	27	36	2

Currie Cup

Boland 29 Border 17
N Transvaal 56 N Free State 7
Natal 59 S E Transvaal 25
Griqualand West 62 S W Districts 20
W Province 58 E Transvaal 7
Transvaal 53 W Transvaal 28

Section A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Natal	8	8	0	0	476	136	16
Transvaal	8	6	1	1	338	145	13
S E Transvaal	8	4	1	3	201	274	9
Boland	7	4	0	3	160	175	8
E Province	7	1	1	5	149	209	3
Border	8	1	1	6	160	306	3
W Transvaal	8	1	0	7	185	424	2

Section B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Transvaal	8	7	0	1	410	129	14
Free State	7	6	0	1	308	157	12
W Province	7	5	0	2	317	144	10
Griqualand West	8	5	0	3	287	243	10
E Transvaal	7	2	0	5	187	348	4
N Free State	8	1	0	7	116	364	2
S W Districts	7	0	0	7	135	375	0

Pacific Trophy

Tonga 18 Fiji 32
(at Nukualofa)

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, final day of five, 90 overs minimum
LORD'S: England v Pakistan

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, final day of four, 96 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Kent
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Lancashire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Sussex

Tour match
11.0, final day of four
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v South Africa A

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three). Colchester: Essex v Northamptonshire. King's School, Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Sussex. Sittingbourne: Kent v Glamorgan. Crosby: Lancashire v Middlesex. Kibworth: Leicestershire v Durham. Clevedon: Somerset v Surrey. Moseley CC: Warwickshire v Worcestershire. Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Hampshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Slough: Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire. Weymouth: Dorset v Shropshire. Lakenham: Norfolk v Lincolnshire. Thame: Oxfordshire v Devon. Ipswich School: Suffolk v Northumberland. Pontarddulais: Wales v Cornwall. Westbury: Wiltshire v Cheshire (first day of two): Longton: Staffordshire v Hertfordshire

WOMEN'S AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cambridge, 11.0): First division: East Midlands v Surrey, Yorkshire v East Anglia, West Midlands v West. Second division: Kent v Lancashire and Cheshire, Middlesex v Thames Valley; Sussex v Yorkshire II.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Accrington Stanley v Liverpool; Bradford Park Avenue v Bradford; Bray v Kilmarnock; Bournemouth v Charlton (7.45). Drogheda v Huddersfield (7.45). St Patrick's Ath v Sunderland (7.45); York v Scarborough. Chertsey v Woking; Brentford v Southend. Ponteland v Carlisle.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar).
RACING: Brighton (2.30); Newcastle (2.15). Nottingham (6.25); Windsor (6.15).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Reading v Coventry (7.30); Wolverhampton v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30). Conference League: Exeter v Arena Essex (7.30), Ryde v Reading (7.15).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

NATWEST TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Lancashire v Derbyshire; Surrey v Somerset. Hampshire v Essex; Sussex v Yorkshire.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Aldershot Tn v Colchester (7.45); Cheltenham v Bristol Rovers, Darlington v Barnsley; Flint Town v Hyde United, Harrogate v Halifax; Kettering v Lincoln; Newcastle Town v Port Vale. Salisbury v Cardiff (7.45), Shamrock v Crewe; Wokingham v Oxford United; Hitchin v Luton; Bromley v Arsenal XI, Brechin v Dundee United

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar)
RACING: Beverley (2.0); Goodwood (2.15).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Sheffield (7.30)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bohemians v Kilmarnock; Celtic v Arsenal (7.45); Derry v Dundee; Drogheda v Sunderland (7.45); Gloucester City v Tottenham, Hartlepool v Bradford; Hereford v Bristol City, Leyton Orient v Charlton; Shelbourne v Huddersfield (7.45); St Patrick's Ath v Crewe (7.45); Wolverhampton v Chelsea (7.45); Stevenage v Queens Park Rangers XI, Rushden and Diamonds v Derby (7.0); Wrexham v Bolton; Workington v Carlisle, Newport AFC v Gillingham (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar)
RACING: Doncaster (2.0); Epsom (6.0) Goodwood (2.15); Stratford (6.15)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Bradford (7.30); Long Eaton v Exeter (7.30). Individual: Blue Riband (at Poole, 7.30) Scottish Open championship (at Glasgow, 7.30).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four). Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire; Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire; Lord's: Middlesex v Essex; Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan; Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire; Eastbourne: Sussex v Yorkshire.

TOUR MATCHES: The Oval (first day of four). Surrey v South Africa A; Edinburgh (Grange CC, one day). Scotland v Pakistan. First under-19 Test match (first day of four): Old Trafford: England v New Zealand

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bray v St Johnstone, Woking v Cardiff (7.45). Chelmsford v Southend, Corinth v Carlisle (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar)
RACING: Doncaster (6.20); Goodwood (2.15); Salisbury (6.05), Yarmouth (2.0)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Long Eaton (7.30); Middlesbrough v London (7.30); Sheffield v Exeter (7.45).

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford Tigers v St Helens. Second division: Barrow v Hull Kingston Rovers.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Brentford v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Charlton v Coventry (7.45); Omagh v Darlington (7.0); Scunthorpe v Bradford; Sligo v Sunderland, St Patrick's Ath v Tranmere (7.45), UCD v Huddersfield; Halifax v Bury; Southend v Peterborough (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar)
MOTOR RALLYING: Mobil/Top Gear RAC British Championship. Ulster international rally (Belfast)
RACING: Ascot (6.0), Bangor (3.10); Goodwood (2.15). Newmarket (6.15); Thirsk (2.0)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30), Oxford v Poole (7.30). Conference League: Knockout Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Arena Essex v Mildenhall (6.0)

SATURDAY

CRICKET

TETLEYS CHALLENGE SERIES (first day of three): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Pakistan

DERMOT REEVE BENEFIT MATCH: Edgbaston (one day). Warwickshire v World XI

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

UMBRO CUP: Manchester United v Ajax (at City Ground, Nottingham, 1.30); Chelsea v Nottingham Forest (at City Ground, Nottingham, 3.30).

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: First round: Albion v Arbroath; Ayr v Livingston; Brechin v Montrose; Clyde v Inverness C Thistle; Cowdenbeath v Forfar; East Stirling v Alloa, Queen's Park v Ross County, Stranraer v Queen Of South

PRE-SEASON MATCHES Cardiff v Wolverhampton, Celtic v Sporting Lisbon; Cobh Ramblers v Netherfield (7.45). Derry v Glenavon (5.0); Finn Harps v Ards; Gloucester City v Wimbledon; Hyde United v Bury; Larne v Darlington; Leyton Orient v Queens Park Rangers; Newcastle Town v Caersws; Rushden and Diamonds v Oxford United; Swansea v Bristol City; Woking v Wycombe; Worksop v Scarborough; Stevenage v Arsenal; York v Bolton; Hitchin v West Ham; Gateshead v Carlisle.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (Leamington Spa).
CYCLING: St Ives (10 miles, Alconbury, 6.0pm).
GOLF: English amateur championship (at Hollinwell); J & B Scottish amateur championship (Dunbar).
MOTOR RALLYING: Mobil/Top Gear RAC British Championship, Ulster international rally (Belfast)
RACING: Goodwood (2.0); Hamilton Park (5.50); Market Rasen (6.10); Newmarket (2.05); Newton Abbot (2.25); Thirsk (2.20); Windsor (Sky, 6.0).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Scottish Monarchs (7.30); Cradley Heath and Stoke v Hull (at Stoke, 7.30). Challenge: Swindon v Oxford (7.30). Conference League: Eastbourne v Ryde (7.30).

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (one day): Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire; Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire; Lord's: Middlesex v Essex; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan; Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire; Eastbourne: Sussex v Yorkshire.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Halifax Blue Sox v Paris Saint-Germain (6.30); Leeds v Bradford Bulls; London Broncos v Warrington (5.30); Sheffield Eagles v Wigan (at Bramall Lane, 6.0); Workington v Oldham Bears. First division: Dewsbury v Salford Reds (3.30); Huddersfield Giants v Featherstone (6.30); Keighley Cougars v Wakefield (3.30); Rochdale v Hull; Widnes v Batley Bulldogs. Second division: Carlisle v Swinton Lions; Doncaster Dragons v Hunslet Hawks; Leigh Centurions v Chorley Magpies; Prescot Panthers v Bramley; South Wales v York (at Cardiff Arms Park, 6.0).

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: Third place play-off (at City Ground, Nottingham, 1.30); Final (at City Ground, Nottingham, 3.30).

PRE-SEASON MATCHES Drogheda v Solihull (3.30); Dundalk v Liverpool; Finn Harps v Darlington; Galway v Sunderland (6.0); Peterborough v Leicester

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (Leamington Spa).
CYCLING: Southend and County (50 miles, Hatfield Peverel, 5.30am).
MOTORCYCLING: World Superbike championship (at Brands Hatch)
SPEEDWAY: Four-team championship: Semi-finals: Bradford v Ipswich v Belle Vue v Peterborough (7.30). Wolverhampton v Poole v Hull v Oxford (2.30) (both at Peterborough)

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VICTORIA: Second division: Bell Park 0 Frankston P. 2; East Altona 0 E. Brunswick 1, Knox City 1 E Richmond 1; Nunawading 0 Waverley 6, Regent 1 Oakleigh 1, West Vale 2 S Dandenong 0 Postponed: Mooroolbark v Altona City. Third division: Banyule 3 Frankston 3; Chelsea 0 Melbourne C 0; Clifton Hill 0 Diamond V. 2; Keilor 1 Fitzroy 0. Pascoe Vale 1 S Caulfield 0; Ringwood C 8 S Wembee 0; S Springvale 0 Cranbourne 0. Fourth division: Corio 0 Yarraville 1; Lalor 1 Sun Heights 2; Langwarrin 1 Sandringham 0; Monbulk 0 Sunbury 2; Moreland 0 Geelong 3; Seaford Utd 3 N Coburg 1. Stonnington 6 Williamstown 2. Fifth division: Glenroy 1 Old Scotch 0. Heidelberg C 1 Geelong R 5, Keysborough 4 Ballarat 0; Mitcham 3 Knox Pk 2, Mornington 0 Springvale C 4; N Sunshine 2 Doveton 0; S Wanlima 1 Melton 0

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Bayswater 3 Stirling M 0; Kingsway 0 Inglewood 3, Knights 0 Sorrento 0. Spearwood 2 Swan IC 2. First division: Ashfield 4 North Lake 1, Fremantle C 1 Joondalup 1; Morley 1 Balcatta 1, Perth City 4 Cockburn 0, Rockingham 0 Bassendean 0; Southside 0 Dianella 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier League: Blue Eagles 3 Woodville 1; Olympians 0 Croydon 0; Port Lion 2 Adelaide R 0; Salisbury 1 Campbelltown 1. First division: Elizabeth 5 Port Pirie 0; Enfield 1 Seaford 0, Noarlunga 2 Adelaide City 1; Para Hills 2 Cumberland 1, W Adelaide 0 Plympton 1; WT Birkalla 0 Modbury 0.

QUEENSLAND: Fourth division: Bayside 3 North Pine 2; Greenbank 0 Southside 3; Pine Hills 1 Brothers 6; Samford 2 Ipswich 0.

TASMANIA: North: Premier League: Burnie 5 Somerset 3; St Leonards 0 LW Eagles 1; Ulverstone 2 Launceston 0. South: Premier League: Dosa 2 Metro 2; Nelson 2 University (TS) 4; Rapid 1 Phoenix 6; Taroona 0 Kingborough 4

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FORECAST: Telephone claims for 23 and 24pts, dividend forecast is very good with 8 score draws

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,389.10	Allied Domecq†	423	-11	7.0	16.0
318.30	Bulmer (HP)	599	+10	2.6	
58.90	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	31.8
104.00	Glenmorangie 'A'	765		2.0	19.6
8,916.50	Grand Met†	425	-3½	4.5	18.0
8,964.50	Guinness	464	-9	4.0	15.1
493.20	Highland Dist	370	-7	2.7	17.3
179.60	Macallan-Glen	153		1.2	31.4
807.50	Matthew Clark†	888	-19	4.4	28.1
13.10	Minydew Wt	120	-6	4.7	
5,227.90	SA Breweries	1775	-75	2.0	

BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9,837.50	ABN-AMRO	3243¾	-87¾	4.3	11.1
7,363.50	Abbey Nat	557	-7	4.9	10.7
2,281.00	Allied Irish	336	+1	5.1	9.8
4,336.70	Aus New Z	312	-3	5.9	7.7
20,619.90	Bank America	5086¾	-68¾		
2,772.70	Bank Scotland	233	-1½	3.7	9.8
12,727.50	Barclays	803	+1	4.0	10.5
3,096.80	Bk of Ireland†	436	+7	4.4	
136.30	Cater Allen†	418		5.0	12.4
25,166.00	Citicorp	5200	-93¾		
397.60	Close Bros	390	-1	3.4	14.8
5,250.30	Commerzbk	£14¾	+13½	3.6	
34,158.10	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1075	-12½	0.5	
15,591.40	Deutsche Bk	3237½		2.4	
161.60	Espirito Santo	788¾	-3½	4.7	10.2
36,304.70	Fuji Bank Y	1253	-35½	0.4	
165.80	Gerrard Nat	339		8.5	10.7
377.20	Hambros†	313	-11	4.4	
9,181.50	HSBC	1059	-12	3.8	11.3
18,282.50	HSBC HK	1030	+8	3.9	11.0
336.00	Irish Perm	403		3.2	11.0
39.60	King Shaxson†	150	+1	7.5	13.0
22.20	Leopold J	418		6.0	14.6
16,932.00	Lloyds TSB	332	-5	4.6	13.9
8,574.20	Nat Aust Bk	590	-8	7.4	7.5
11,100.00	Nat West	625	-2	5.1	8.7
24.10	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.0
3,883.20	Ryl Bk Scot	480	-11½	4.4	10.6
1,925.20	Schroders	1275	-30	1.6	17.7
428.10	Schroders N/V	973	-27	2.1	13.5
211.30	Singer & Fried	107	-4	4.7	8.9
6,532.50	Stand Chart	670	+6	2.1	14.6
25.20	Union	95		3.9	
14,032.30	Wells Fargo	£143¼	+118¾	2.3	..
5,389.40	Westpac	280¾	+7½	5.0	
30.80	Wintrust	358		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.56	Abrdn Stk Hs	38			3.2
88.10	Ascot Hldgs	323	-49		12.2
6,853.10	Bass†	777	-28	3.7	16.7
9.64	Brit for the Bdr	40		5.2	10.5
34.50	Burtonwood Brwt	166	-1	4.1	
233.10	City Centre Rest	115	+3	2.4	21.7
1,788.90	Compass Gp†	558	-15	1.8	26.6
52.50	Eldridge P 'A'	251	-1	2.4	23.1
108.70	Fuller Smith 'A'	530		2.2	18.1
1,621.40	Greenalls Gp	550	-9	3.3	14.9
353.90	Greene King▼	583	-11	3.3	
32.80	Grosvenor Inns	231	-8	3.2	
41.90	Groupe Chez Ger	224	-2	1.4	22.7
61.00	Hardy Hansn†	305	-3	4.2	11.4
95.30	Holt J	3075		2.3	16.7
30.00	Inn Business	63	-4	1.1	29.5
210.90	Mansfield†	326		2.3	15.9
299.80	Marston Thmp†	288	+12	3.2	11.8
156.80	Morland	570	-21	2.6	17.3
36.50	My Kinda Town	145	+5	2.6	14.3
8.01	Paramount	6½		4.1	10.8
107.00	Pelican Gp†	145	+5	1.7	
227.40	PizzaExpress	392	+35	0.7	40.6
30.40	Ramsdens (H)†	345	+7	1.8	36.2
167.20	Regent Inns	199	-4	1.0	31.2
3,905.00	Scot & New	636	-22	3.9	33.6
88.50	Tom Cobleigh†	222	-27	1.5	27.8
37.50	Vaux Group	267	-5	4.8	13.8
341.60	Wetherspoon JD	885	-15	1.2	30.9
3,318.30	Whitbread	687	-28	4.0	14.9
417.40	Wolverhmptn D	823	+7	3.2	14.2
140.20	Yates Brost	355		1.3	
18.10	Young 'A'	625		3.0	24.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.39	AAF Inds	19	-2		
69.70	Abbey	180		3.6	11.7
98.60	Allen▼	249	-6	3.3	16.9
193.80	Amec	95		3.9	19.2
53.30	Andrews Sykes	385	-3	1.4	19.0
241.50	Ashtead	175	+3	1.8	15.1
15.30	Avonside	35		3.6	
2.30	Bailey (Ben) Con	30½		4.3	12.8
26.00	Barcom†	48	-1	1.8	
579.00	Barratt Devs	250	-1	1.9	15.4
508.40	Beazer Homes	191	+2	4.1	14.6
301.30	Bellway	305		3.2	15.2
8.12	Bellwinch	18			
525.60	Berkeley Gp†	555	-5½	1.9	
32.10	Bett Bros	147		4.6	6.2
62.10	Boot (Henry)	230		4.1	10.0
27.50	Brandon Hire	121	-7	2.3	17.8
6.38	Britannia Grp	28		7.1	23.3
5.04	Br Bldg & Eng	45	-1		
355.90	Bryant	127		5.0	15.4
45.70	CALA	106		3.9	11.6
1.51	Campbell & Arm	10½	+¼		8.3
6.40	Clarke T	52		9.8	
25.90	Costain	50	+11		
43.50	Countryside†	57	-1	8.1	
69.40	Crest Nicholson	70	+½	3.6	18.4
14.40	Dussek	81		6.0	10.1
13.50	Eve Group	138		8.2	7.4
17.80	Galliford	30		6.2	43.3
84.10	Gleeson (MJ)	833		2.3	15.4
3.62	Green (Ernst)	47		7.2	
96.80	Havelock Euro	356	+4	1.3	26.3
346.60	Hewden-Stuart	125	-5½	3.0	13.8
52.30	Higgs & Hill	79		4.0	
5.02	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	17.3
67.40	Jarvis	81	-3		
86.80	Keller	155	+4	3.4	13.2
131.60	Laing (J)	286	-3	3.9	46.2
41.80	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	104	-4	7.7	
4.48	Lovell (YJ)	11½			
43.40	Maunders (J)	197		3.6	12.4
98.00	McAlpine (A)	134	+1	8.5	
86.90	McCarthy & S	88		3.6	11.9
44.50	Morgan Sindall	140	+4	2.4	17.4
113.40	Morrison Const†	169		3.2	12.9
145.00	Mowlem (J)	82½	-3	3.0	
363.00	Persimmon	207	-2	5.7	16.3
19.60	Pochin's	94	-3	2.1	9.5
99.20	Prowting	127	-4	3.7	26.9
25.40	Raine Ind	13½	+½		
274.80	Redrow	124	-3	3.2	13.7
4.69	Secure Retiret	46	-1	2.7	24.1
30.30	Sherrill Hldgs	270	-5	3.2	11.4
4.60	Shorco	73	-3	7.2	11.2
53.30	Spander	365		1.0	22.4
34.50	Tay Homes	118	-4	7.4	10.8
630.50	Taylor Woodrw	161	-2	2.2	24.1
168.70	Tilbury Dougls	499	-4	5.5	15.0
3.34	Try Group	13½			
35.60	Vibroplant	77	-10	6.8	
59.30	Warnhomes†	95		5.9	
21.00	Ward Hldgs	40		4.7	6.0
180.80	Westbury	202	+1	3.7	18.2
45.70	Wiggins	8½		6.2	
317.00	Wilson (C)	160	-3	5.5	19.9
390.80	Wilson Bowdn	418	-3	3.0	19.8
500.40	Wimpey G	138	-4	5.0	

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.52	Abrighton#	6			
1,792.40	BPB Ind†	340	-2	3.6	16.8
46.40	Baggeridge Brk†	114	-3	3.4	21.9
196.30	Boydon	35½	-1½	7.1	15.7
12.00	Blockleys	48			
2,704.00	Blue Circle	366	-2	4.3	27.5
25.80	Boosten PLC	91		6.6	14.9
31.70	Br Dredging	124	+1	5.6	14.3
2,145.20	CRH	597	-6	2.0	16.1
2.46	Cakebread Rty	41		6.1	11.5
51.70	Capo	153		9.0	10.9
1,330.60	Caradon	205		5.8	20.3
197.10	Caracon	109	-1	8.3	
2.67	Chiltern Co	31		4.0	
3.27	Dyson (J&J)	198	-5	2.5	16.4
10.00	Dyson A	83	-5	5.0	6.3
46.40	Epwin	215		5.2	13.9
25.50	Fluor	135			14.9
1.49	Gibbs & Dandy	57	-4	5.0	9.0
191.40	Graham Gp	127	-2	5.3	14.7
110.50	Halstead (J)	360		5.0	15.6
642.50	Hepworth	293	-8	7.1	13.9
5.77	Hewitson	62		5.2	[illegible]
219.40	Heywd Wms	222	+1	2.6	12.1
189.30	Ibstock	68	-1	3.7	9.6
52.40	Johnston	493	-10	2.8	12.6
21.10	Liberaco	3		3.3	9.3
415.00	Marley	133	-2	4.8	14.0
180.10	Marshalls	135	-1½	4.5	12.1
461.60	Meyer Intl	364	-6	3.9	31.1
148.40	Newman Tonks	116		7.3	13.7
160.80	Norcros	97	-4		64.1
16.00	Phoenix Timber†	34		1.0	
2,076.60	Pilkington†	196	+2½	3.2	11.4
304.90	Polypipe	192	-1	1.7	17.8
2,701.30	RMC Gp	1047	-1	3.0	15.5
2,158.00	Redland	415	-11	5.8	15.8
19.70	Rostol	110		5.2	10.3
45.90	Ruberoid	75	-21	8.0	9.1
632.30	Rugby Group	106	-2	4.2	19.6
28.60	Russell (A)	119		2.3	16.7
242.60	Sau	212	+8	3.9	10.6
4.51	SMP	2			
43.80	Sharpe & Fisher	203	-3	3.2	16.7
65.90	Spring Ram	14½			
129.60	Stanmore Hldgs	289	-1	4.6	17.4
345.50	Tarmac	102	-1	6.7	16.7
31.60	Tilon	105	-10	5.7	11.3
229.50	Travis Perkins	414	-2	2.9	18.0
3.71	Tudor	34		3.7	15.4
0.78	Watermark	31			
2,466.40	Wolseley†	435	-12	2.9	15.0

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
561.70	Albright & Wil	179	-3	4.5	15.2
618.90	Allied Colloids	116	-9	3.1	20.2
23.50	Amber Indl	150		4.8	10.6
52.10	Anglyfen Gp	94	-3	3.9	12.1
10,138.90	BASF DM	1734½	-109¾	3.5	
4,407.90	BOC†	913	-6	3.7	17.0
138.90	BTP†	267	-1	5.5	14.7
15,237.90	Bayer DM50	2159½	-96¼	3.0	
64.90	Brent Chems	96	-1	2.6	
450.60	Br Vita	205	-6	4.8	16.6
72.50	Canning (W)	254	-4	3.9	16.7
1,162.60	Courtaulds†	432	-10	4.6	21.6
397.70	Croda	237	-7	3.9	14.3
42.40	Doeflex	251	-3	3.3	14.3
234.10	Ellis & Everard	361	-5½	4.4	
31.30	Euro Colour	80	-7	3.4	15.8
17.90	Gibbon†	170		5.1	
129.20	Hickson	70		3.6	21.2
13,019.70	Hoechst	2216¾		2.5	
139.30	Holliday Chem	133	-3	4.7	15.6
5,430.20	ICI	749	-15	5.3	17.8
258.30	Inspec	323	-12	2.4	10.1
461.10	Kalon	130		4.6	
1,370.00	Laporte	708	+6	4.1	17.1
100.10	Manders	257	-4	5.7	11.5
33.80	Mersten	91		2.5	12.5
5.63	Minoltech	27		3.2	64.4
102.50	Porvair	405	-5	1.7	33.5
560.90	Scapa	275	-3	3.6	13.3
48.20	Suttcliffe Spkm	32	-1½	3.9	12.4
9,730.40	Lacqa Chem	1112½	-27½	0.7	15.9
64.60	Wolstenhlm R	893	-150	3.0	12.4
105.80	Yorks Chem	231	-9	4.7	13.4
385.80	Yule Catto	360	-2	2.9	17.8

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9.80	ABI Lns	95	-7	5.8	11.1
17.30	Adam & Harvey	400	-7	6.2	
1.45	Alexanders	16		7.7	
59.30	Appleyard	89		5.7	10.2
8.54	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.3	
163.90	BSS Group	611		4.0	14.7
35.20	Bunzl†	35	-1	6.5	16.2
8.26	Burnup Power	33	-1		
2.08	Bapd A	40		1.1	
244.00	Brammer	535	-7	3.3	16.7
5.33	Bridgend Gat	23	+2	1.1	
24.50	Brit Fittings	103		4.4	14.1
9.40	Caffyns	285		5.0	32.6
34.60	Cawdale	130	+3	2.9	8.7
40.40	Charles Sidney	97	-1	4.9	13.7
30.90	Cook (DC)	72	-2	3.7	
829.90	Cowie▲	373	-2	3.5	14.5
35.60	Dag Motors	147	-4	6.5	10.2
24.40	Dennans El	138		2.4	13.8
186.90	Diploma	338	-1	5.4	11.9
1,816.20	Electrocomponts†	381		2.2	24.4
104.30	Eurodis Elec	178	+1	3.5	
49.50	Essodollar	101	-1	5.1	15.1
49.80	European Mtrl	83	-1	7.0	10.5
99.50	Evans Halshaw	310	-3	6.7	11.3
7.75	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	6.9
93.30	Finelist Grp	281	-2	2.5	16.5
31.70	Gadins	29½		3.8	11.7
20.40	Glascheston	67½	+4	1.7	49.6
7.45	Gowrings	81	-2	4.2	12.4
28.10	Harris (Philip)†	398		4.0	19.4
146.20	Headlam	278		2.2	22.1
5.81	Holders Tech	180	-15	4.2	16.7
75.20	IGA Intl	187	+7	1.6	19.0
1,416.90	Inchcape	268	-12	4.3	
5.18	Jacks (Wm)	48		4.6	18.6
408.90	Kwik-Fit	233	+6	2.7	16.4
411.60	Lex Service	363	+13	5.4	11.4
45.90	Lookers	137	-5	7.4	7.9
18.00	Mateys Gp	11	-½	7.5	11.4
37.70	Middlesex	6½	-¼	1.5	10.0
30.00	Midsales	38	-1		8.6
52.70	Motrain†	50		1.9	14.7
44.50	Northamber	262	-14	1.1	
11.10	PCT	125		1.7	12.1
126.20	Pendragon	326	-2	3.5	16.5
47.40	Perry Gp	186		5.4	11.1
1,728.30	Premier Farnell	638	+8	2.1	17.0
43.60	Quicks Group	188	+2	4.3	15.7
34.80	REA	283	-10	1.8	35.4
3.54	Reace	2			
18.80	Ronson	42		4.5	6.4
5.17	Ross Gp	3½			
45.90	SEP Ind	51	-2	4.1	10.8
37.60	Saltire	145	+1	0.9	19.4
176.60	Time Products†	330	-2	3.8	
8.33	Toms Hire	35		4.6	18.4
33.00	UMECO†	209	-2	2.5	18.3
172.60	Vardy (Reg)▲	306	-7	2.7	
58.30	Wholesale Ftgs	414	+29	4.0	
28.40	Wishtan	30½	-1	3.5	8.1
71.30	Wyko	140	+1	1.6	
19.10	Young (H)	115	+2	4.3	10.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9.19	Anglo Utd	1			
487.20	Antofagasta	310		2.1	10.4
14,945.00	Broken Hill	820	-36	3.1	18.0
9,427.30	BTR	240	+4	7.7	10.1
15,273.10	BAT	493	-1½	6.1	9.7
272.80	Barlsford Ind	179	-7	2.4	13.0
187.90	Bibby (J)	120		6.2	8.7
1,836.50	Brierley Inv	61¼	+½	7.5	1.2
715.60	Charter	816	-34	4.2	12.1
1,757.90	Cookson	257	+4	3.9	13.5
22.80	Cosalt	187		6.2	11.6
213.40	DCC	267	-1	3.2	10.6
86.70	Grampian Hdg	124	+3	6.1	13.8
8,443.50	Hanson	162¼	-¼	9.2	7.6
883.10	Harrisn Crsfd	124	-9	9.1	12.0
14,021.90	Hutch Whamp	388	-10	2.0	20.9
2,864.50	Jardine Math	389¾	-32¾	4.0	
1,296.10	Lonrho	168	-4½	3.6	19.6
105.80	McLeod Russel†	172		4.7	14.7
351.70	Powell Duffryn†	409	+19	7.6	
29.20	Ropner	125		8.2	9.5
3,719.90	Sime Darby	176	-5	2.7	16.0
215.30	Staveley†	186	+1	6.0	12.5
249.40	Suter	211	+48	6.0	12.8
500.40	IT Group	312	-17	2.6	16.0
3,017.50	Tomkins	254	-7	5.0	13.1
37.90	Unitare†	195	+5	11.2	6.7
116.00	Wardle Storey	455	-3	5.0	20.6
522.40	Wassall	369	-2	2.6	14.4
88.70	Whitecroft†	201½	-6½	3.1	14.3
1,905.70	Williams Hldg	328	-5	5.4	15.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,150.70	East Midlands†	580	+30	6.8	9.7
1,073.20	London Elect†	615	+11	7.8	8.7
1,648.50	Midlands Elec	420		5.5	10.6
3,019.60	National Grid†	177	+6	7.3	6.7
4,566.10	National Power†	385	-11	7.5	7.3
4,381.10	Natl Power P/P†	250	-12	7.4	7.3
539.90	Northern Elect	532	+8	9.4	6.3
565.00	Nthn Ireland	403	-5	6.1	6.6
1,420.40	PowerGen†	482½	-½	5.4	6.3
3,516.20	PowerGen (P/P)†	341		5.4	6.3
1,110.90	Hydro-Elect	289	-4	7.1	7.2
2,942.20	Scottish Power	312	-3	6.5	8.9
1,772.30	Southern Elect	665	+7	7.0	7.7
1,067.10	Yorkshire Elect	672	+11	7.3	8.2

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
106.00	Acal†	530	-7	2.0	17.6
200.00	Acorn Comp	222	-6		
186.50	Admiral	298	+33	0.8	30.4
187.00	Amstrad	180	-32	2.1	
34.20	Arlen	46		1.9	11.9
388.80	Astec	126	-4	1.5	17.2
183.70	Azlan	673	-15	0.7	22.1
1,131.50	BICC	319	-4	4.9	
19.50	Bailes Hunter	184	-10	7.0	18.7
161.70	Bitek	535	-5	3.2	14.3
801.60	Bowthorpe	413	-14	2.9	18.0
4.01	Bulgin (AF) 'A'†	15¼		3.7	
20.30	CML Micro†	109	+5	7.0	17.0
17.40	Channel Hldgs†	30	-1	5.8	
77.60	Chloride†	32	+2¼	1.9	18.6
14.90	Clayhithe†	73		5.9	8.1
29.20	Cray Elect	27½	-3		
145.70	Critchley▼	905	+48	1.5	28.7
1,039.10	Danka Bs Sys	480	+52	0.6	23.6
492.50	Delta	339	-2	6.1	16.4
90.80	Domino†	340	-1	3.8	44.2
99.30	Dowding Mills	66		5.3	15.5
215.20	Druck	363	-50	0.6	
2,306.40	Electrolux 'B'	3237½	-116¼	3.8	8.8
35.20	Emess	33	+¼	0.8	20.7
11,025.00	Ericsson 'B'	1259¾	-16½	1.4	23.0
35.10	Eurocopy	72	+1	4.3	12.6
480.90	Eurotherm†	532	-8	2.0	19.9
557.70	Fairey Group	619	-5	1.6	22.6
110.90	Filtronic Com	258	-15	0.4	40.9
131.00	Forward Gp	239	-9	1.0	22.3
24.10	Forward Tech	70		4.9	10.3
10,690.60	GEC†	388¾	+15½	4.0	
80.10	Goseley	124	+1	6.7	21.1
66.10	Ind Control	122	-2	3.7	25.6
13.70	Intelek	34	-1	2.9	43.1
10.40	Kode	110	+6	1.1	11.1
4.32	LPA Indl	48	-3	4.8	10.5
52.80	MTL Instr	290		2.1	17.6
21.00	Magnum Power	36	+3½		
139.00	Memco-Sw	271	+18	2.7	
42.30	Microtec	55½		1.9	17.7
415.90	Misel	393	-11		
11.40	Neotronic	44	-5	2.4	
240.60	Oxford Instr	485	-4	1.7	17.5
6.16	Pacer Systems	131	+6	3.2	
152.10	Pell	126	+2	3.4	19.0
8,633.70	Philips Lmp ex	1959¼	-31½	3.2	6.9
9.02	Plussec	188		3.3	11.5
66.40	Pressac	177½	-1½	3.5	18.5
17.10	Prestwick	42	-3		21.6
299.50	Psion	433	+1	0.5	
790.10	Racal Elect	278	-6	2.7	18.4
15.90	Radamec	86		3.5	17.6
79.90	Ranford	336		2.7	
293.90	Renishaw	485	-5	1.8	19.4
3.33	Rodime	2½			
153.70	Rotork	274	+4	2.7	13.9
39.70	Sylvarieus	172		2.5	21.9
50.30	Silverthorne	78½	-3½	1.8	18.8
23.30	Soundtracs	29		4.0	
4,834.60	TDK	3675	+112½	0.9	
4.85	TTS Circuits	23	-1½		
24.20	TGI	112	+1½	3.6	12.7
267.60	TLG	149	-9	3.6	14.6
13.70	Tadpole Tech	52	-1		
56.10	Telemetrix	61	-3	3.0	13.5
137.80	Telspec	403	-17	1.7	22.5
21.70	Thorpe FW	168	-5	3.0	10.1
3.64	Total Systems†	36		3.5	22.5
91.50	Tunstall	278	+2	2.0	15.3
27.30	Verity	11½	-1	1.6	12.7
132.10	Vero	218	-3	2.9	22.6
126.90	Volex	455		5.7	13.8
6.61	Walkebourne	29	+1		
36.70	Wheesec	124		4.1	16.7

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
47.30	600	329	-3	2.1	
190.10	APV	64	+2	5.3	18.4
60.90	ASV	73		6.8	
161.60	Aumac	402	-5	2.4	17.8
63.20	Anlast	113	+1	2.5	7.6
64.60	Ash & Lacy	174	-1	4.8	14.2
73.10	Atlas Equip	203		3.9	18.6
11.30	Ayrshire Metal	113		5.6	8.6
1,242.20	BBA	300	-1	2.5	20.3
67.90	BWI	142		5.9	12.9
149.00	Babcock	88	-1	3.4	
1.40	Bailey (CH)	8			
213.90	Baynes (Charles)	138		2.3	20.7
14.20	Beauford	32		1.6	
14.00	Benson Group	49	-1		
1.49	Billam	33	-1	7.1	
304.90	Bodycote	523		1.6	24.1
3.60	Booth Inds	45	-1		
19.90	Bukulyt	25		4.2	
76.10	Brdon	102		5.4	22.4
4,911.30	Br Aerospace	933	-9	1.7	23.1
3,532.50	Br Steel†	173½	+6	7.2	4.7
5.13	Brooke Tool	13½		2.8	12.3
37.30	Brunel	20½		2.0	11.6
94.90	Bulfough	78	-20	8.9	
31.60	Burnfield	120		3.4	14.7
149.20	Castle Eng	243	-4	5.7	11.6
93.43	Cattlect	230	+2	2.3	15.4
10.20	Chamberlin Hill	140	-5	6.7	9.1
88.30	Chemring†	374	-4	3.7	14.6
20.10	Clyde Blowers	255	-1	3.3	56.9
584.60	Cobham	632	+22	1.9	
4.52	Cohen (A)†	565	-15	2.7	7.1
87.60	Concentric	165	-6	5.1	11.4
49.50	Cook (Wm)	250		4.1	9.4
136.40	David Brown	206		4.6	13.4
174.60	FKI	130	+5	5.0	11.6
6.56	Eleco	17	-1	1.8	9.5
40.00	Elliott (B)†	105	4	3.6	10.4
58.90	Expamet	93		4.0	18.5
959.10	FKI	170	3	3.8	15.8
136.20	Fenner	138		3.2	14.2
1.94	Firmin	8	-½		
41.90	Firth Hldgs	60			
88.80	Firth Rixson†	83		2.2	26.1
51.40	3D Intl	139		3.0	13.4
7.18	Garton Eng	134		6.6	7.3
830.30	Glynwed	340	3	4.3	15.9
47.10	Gray-Ame	17½	-1	5.5	8.4
93.60	Hadon Mmcln	83		3.6	13.2
17.70	Hallteyn	243	-7	4.0	
103.50	Hall Eng	244	-6	3.1	16.7
471.80	Halma†	176	-2	1.8	20.5
49.20	Hampson Ind†	53½	-½	5.3	21.7
3.75	Hay (Norman)	23			[illegible]
5.80	Heatbray	36	+2	1.0	32.8
34.40	Hill & Smith†	88	+1	8.3	9.6
71.90	Hopkinsons†	78	-3	5.8	
15.50	How Gp	37		3.8	25.7
20.70	Howden	71		5.2	
116.20	Hunting	118	-16	10.6	10.2
1,268.10	IMI	367	-3	3.9	22.4
1,255.70	Johnson Matthey	560	-10	3.1	18.9
13.90	Jones Stroud	54		2.3	8.8
11.60	Kelsen Ind	445	-1	0.7	8.8
19.10	Lincat	201	-4	5.1	11.2
29.70	Locker (T)	30½	-1	2.3	16.2
66.50	ML Hldgs	40	-1	4.1	
7.17	MS Intl	75		3.0	25.8
35.20	Mang Bronze	22½	-1	2.1	13.2
32.90	McKechnie	475		4.5	14.2
206.30	Meggitt	95		5.2	10.3
111.90	Molins	106	-5	4.3	17.3
16.90	Mollar	109	+5	3.9	13.5
115.50	Morgan	97	-22	3.7	
125.80	Morgan Cruc	410	-6	4.5	16.2
1.24	Mowat Anth	25	-1	3.3	
12.70	Neepsend	49	+1	4.7	8.9
15.50	NSK Intl	21			
139.70	Pearce	404	+14	2.3	16.2
14.30	Prospect Inds	4½	-½	3.3	
130.20	Quadramatic	264	-3	4.1	15.4
5.62	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
0.88	Record Metal	65			
78.70	Ransomes	57		1.1	13.8
22.90	Record	67		6.7	12.6
197.10	Renold	289	+5	2.4	13.9
2.02	Richards Group▲	24		11.7	7.2
28.00	Richardson West	77		5.9	8.9
3,246.00	Rolls-Royce	220	-7	2.8	26.3
212.00	Rotork	342	+1	2.8	22.1
158.80	Rubicon	181	-2	4.2	
890.30	SKF 'B'	1396¾	-37½	3.7	7.8
297.60	Senior Eng	98		4.6	18.5
47.60	Severfield-Rve	244	-7	1.5	25.3
4,337.10	Siebe	915	-17	1.8	20.6
85.00	Simon Eng	54		1.5	12.1
150.10	Str Hendrick†	277	+6	1.8	13.2
2,163.40	Smiths Ind	714	+10	2.6	21.2
815.40	Spirax-Sarco	780	+4	2.1	23.1
96.40	Sterling Indl	317	+1	3.4	17.0
2,511.00	TI	532	-12	2.9	20.6
12.90	Tasley (E)	124	+6	6.0	13.5
187.40	TransTec▼	113	-2	3.4	24.5
108.10	Triplex Lloyd	165		5.3	9.9
52.90	Unicorn Intl	158	-2	4.4	9.4
32.20	Utd Inds	72		3.9	10.6
24.40	Verson	16½			
661.00	Vickers	265	-3	3.2	17.2
17.20	Villers Grp	9½			17.6
323.50	Vitec	667	+9	2.0	12.8
242.10	Vosper Thornyt	752	-12	3.9	13.0
165.70	Wagon Ind	312	-15	8.2	8.3
448.40	Weir	224	+5	4.2	13.5
82.80	Wellington Hdg	266		3.5	17.5
82.40	Welman	96¼	+1	3.7	10.4
94.40	Whatman	407	-3	3.6	17.3
9.44	Whitney	78	+5	5.7	9.0

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
102.70	Adwest	124	+1	7.9	35.4
22.80	Airflow Stream	268		4.2	7.2
177.00	Avon Rubber†	658	-4	3.4	18.1
254.10	BSG	88½	+½	4.6	15.9
54.90	Bruton	325	-5	2.5	14.3
11.30	Bowstead	17	-1	7.6	
27.70	ERF†	263		2.0	
81.70	First Tech	517	+1	2.1	
3,568.70	GKN	1017	+11	2.9	18.5
21,627.20	General Mtr	3043¾	-118¼	3.4	
327.30	Henlys	621		2.4	18.2
14,810.30	Honda Motor	1520¾	-32¼	0.6	
640.40	Laird	451	-6	3.3	13.1
9.30	Lunds	465		0.3	
1,864.00	Lucas†	211	-5	4.1	28.2
225.30	Mayflower	103	+1½	2.4	40.8
44.00	Sylone	185	+4	3.9	
651.10	T&N	130	+2	5.8	8.3
198.80	Trinity Hldgs†	356		2.9	17.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,618.00	AB Food	402	+2	2.7	14.3
106.30	Acatos & Hutch	246	-2	4.6	20.2
311.10	Albert Fisher	43½	-1½	10.8	10.8
29.40	Banks (S C)	316	+13	4.4	
64.00	Barr (AG)†	330	+3	3.1	25.9
13.70	Bensons Crsp	27	-1		69.3
788.10	Booker	349	-20	8.3	13.2
21.20	Borthwick	36½	-½	4.5	16.3
53.70	CPL Aromas†	410	-10	1.5	22.3
5,024.90	Cadbury-Schw	504	+10	4.0	15.8
14.70	Canadian Pizza	81	+4	7.4	13.6
24.20	Carrs Milling	303		3.7	10.8
51.00	Cavaghan	76	-3	3.6	10.0
14.90	Continental Fds	103			
25.70	Cranswick	181	+1	6.4	11.6
935.90	Dalgety	344	6	8.0	10.4
12.00	Daniels S	32		0.4	
357.80	Devro	225	-1	4.3	13.0
86.80	Finlay (James)	87	-1	4.5	24.6
169.40	Geest	235	-4	6.3	62.5
24.80	Global	17		4.4	11.3
577.10	Greencore†	313	-2	2.6	13.1
17.80	Hazlewood Fds†	98	-4	8.5	
1,164.90	Hillsdown	165	-5	7.2	11.5
23.40	JLI Group†	60		10.3	
60.80	Linton Park	375	-3	5.0	11.5
129.00	Matthews (B)	104		4.1	10.0
89.00	Nichols (V)	226	-2	3.7	14.1
1,061.00	Nthn Foods†	183	+1	6.1	11.7
7.06	Nthrnbn Fn	11½	-1	1.1	8.2
1.79	Pascoe's	112			
4.74	Peeghalen (UK)	6			
103.40	Perkins Food	83	-2	6.8	13.7
19.50	Plant & Gent	61	-1	5.7	
34.90	SaxPerfect	71			
14.80	Sentry Farm	198	-5	2.1	13.1
10.00	Sires Food	39		12.9	9.7
2,023.30	Tate & Lyle	463	+4	4.4	9.6
23.00	Trend	240	-38	3.0	10.1
942.80	Unigate†	399	-5	6.0	10.2
9,967.50	Unilever	1223	-22	3.0	
14,376.70	Unilever (NV)	8950	-265¾	3.7	
1,143.30	Utd Biscuits	216	-6	5.7	
14.50	WT Foods†	27	-1½	6.2	56.1
28.90	Yorkshire Food	65		7.5	5.7

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
552.80	Amersham†	945	-35	2.4	17.7
21.40	Anagen	46	+2		
24.80	Assoc Nursg	151		2.7	13.1
105.00	Bespak†	415	+1	3.3	6.6
211.40	Biocompatibles Intl	383	-29		
46.10	Care UK	105	+1	1.0	18.0
87.10	Cetse	111	-3		
105.80	Community H	312	-9	3.7	15.5
55.00	CrestaCare	29	+1	3.8	
6.73	Enviromed	36	+2		
10.30	Ferraris Group†	92	-1	3.3	13.5
59.60	Goldsborough	136		3.7	31.4
20.20	Greenacre	11½			16.8
247.10	Huntingdn Tech	870	-33	1.1	29.1
16.50	Intercare Grp	58	-2	7.5	13.9
37.70	Isotron	299	+4	2.3	15.8
185.10	Life Sciences	106		5.2	13.4
522.10	Lon Int'l	152	-10	1.6	26.4
72.70	Nestor-BNA	96	+3	4.1	16.6
0.61	Premier Health	8			
43.00	Quality Caret	307	-3	2.1	11.2
166.00	Scholl	241	-3	3.6	18.0
242.90	Seton Healthc	481	-9	2.1	22.3
26.60	Shield Diag	142	+9		
2,215.50	Smith & Nephw	200½	-5½	3.5	20.6
4.61	Speckleyes	16	-1	5.9	9.5
163.70	Takare	130	-9	2.5	9.4
14.70	Tamaris†	3		3.0	18.0
451.50	UniChem	257	-6	3.9	13.3
185.90	West Hlthcare	290	-4	2.4	13.3

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
56.60	Airsprung†	237	-3	2.8	17.1
116.90	Alba	245		3.1	14.1
13.30	Amoes	36	-3	7.0	8.3
7.26	BLP Group	110		3.8	10.4
7.22	Bristan Blrsa	82	+7		29.1
9.96	Black Arrow	40	+2	9.7	7.0
140.40	Black (Peter)	252	-1	2.6	18.1
53.70	Cornell PN 'A'	133		0.6	
3.38	Creighton Nt	72	-3	5.6	
[illegible]	Dyer	110		1.0	
[illegible]	Dunby Group	213	-1	2.0	19.4
[illegible]	Dyne Blinds	105	+1	1.2	
[illegible]	Derel	25	+1	4.1	8.6
[illegible]	Haskell	145		3.9	12.7
[illegible]	IMP Intl	528	-7	2.3	
5.64	Jourdan (T)	31		4.7	24.7
92.30	Kenwood App	201	-2	6.4	
9.02	Linolecl	10½			
229.90	McBride	129	-1	6.5	13.0
65.10	Maybom	288	-1	3.1	16.4
43.60	Osborne & Little	715	+5	2.1	16.7
111.80	Paterson Z	458		4.1	14.2
89.20	Paterson A	388		4.9	11.3
23.00	Pifco	230		2.8	14.4
15.20	Pifco 'A'	228		2.9	13.7
2,730.70	Reckitt Colm	641	-22	3.9	14.7
61.60	Relyon	388	-1	5.3	17.0
136.40	Royal Doulton	238	-6	4.3	12.2
117.00	Silentnight	250		4.0	16.4
12.60	Stoddard	19	+1	4.9	
65.30	Stoves	259	-3	2.2	20.0
14.60	Tomkinsons	224	-1	6.4	19.4
6.73	Victoria Carpet	99	-5	2.5	57.1
102.60	Walker Greenbk	86½	-2½	5.3	15.6
542.70	Wilford Ridgwd	76½	-1	2.0	
4.06	Wood (Arthur)	203		4.0	12.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
492.50	Alex & Alex	1112½	-37½	0.6	
4,506.40	Am Gen	2300	-87½	3.8	
139.70	Angerstein	118	-1	3.0	
26.50	Archer	70	-4	1.8	
15.40	Bradstock	71	+1	10.3	13.3
1,436.20	Britannic	748	-20	2.6	28.7
100.00	CLM Insce	116	-1	3.0	63.0
3,836.70	Comm Union	579	+1	6.1	7.9
95.80	Cox Insce	140		3.9	
124.40	Dom & Gen	1830	-15	2.4	17.7
88.20	FBD IE	218½	-5½	4.0	
34.10	Fenchurch Grp†	94	-2½	11.3	6.5
36.90	Finsbury Under	123	-2	1.7	62.2
3,002.90	Gen Accident	623	-12	6.2	6.4
2,115.40	GRE	234	-5	4.8	3.1
72.40	HCG Lloyds	111	-4	2.5	
64.10	Heath C E	94		8.0	21.7
154.80	Hibernian IE	291	+5½	4.0	
39.00	Hiscox Select	130		3.4	53.2
207.90	Independent	456	-5	3.1	9.1
714.20	Irish Life	236	-5	6.2	20.3
138.90	JIB Group	108	-4	8.7	[illegible]
30.00	Kiln Capital	111	-1	4.5	
3,401.90	Legal & Gen	701	-2	4.4	17.7
4,661.90	Liberty Life	1981½	-90½	7.3	5.7
143.60	Lloyd Thomp	182		6.4	10.7
3,808.90	Lloyds Abbey	548	-19	5.2	12.0
429.30	Londn & Man	351	-7	6.7	
358.40	London Ins Mkt	128	-1	3.3	34.1
78.90	Lowndes Lmb	132	-1	8.3	10.7
4,252.60	Marsh McInt	5768¾	-131½	3.6	
45.50	Medbecd	113	-1	3.5	32.2
84.90	Nelson Hurst	187	-1	5.2	12.8
63.00	New London Capl	105	-1	3.6	28.3
43.01	Oakham	85		5.1	36.3
34.80	Orion	120	-12	5.6	
19.20	Premium Incl	92	-1	4.8	21.9
18.10	Premium Under	137	-3		
8,036.40	Prudential	419	-11	4.7	10.5
6.55	RJSJ	21		3.3	9.7
669.80	Refuge	421	-16	4.0	26.7
7,998.40	Royal & Sun Al	367	-3½	6.5	
679.40	Sedgwick	124		7.3	9.4
21.40	Steel Burrill	39		14.4	4.5
1,257.90	Sun Life S P	219	-7½	5.3	10.9
61.60	Syndicate Cap▲	114		3.0	33.4
593.80	TI Friendly	718	-11	4.3	6.6
596.70	Wills Corroon	142	-6	5.8	12.8
6.76	Windsor	20	-1	3.1	19.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,579.80	3i	[illegible]	+12	2.3	36.7
121.00	Aberforth Smlr	215	-1½	3.1	41.3
7.58	Aberforth Sm Wts	115	-2		
41.20	Abtrust Emrg	80½	-2	0.6	
31.60	Abtrust High Inc	58½	-3	13.6	9.7
19.73	Abtrust N Chan	217	3	0.7	
1,080.90	Alliance	2105	-10	3.1	36.4
252.40	American Trust	303	-4	2.3	51.3
545.90	Anglo & Ovs	375		2.0	52.7
8.11	Asia	92½		0.1	
41.60	Baillie Gifford SH	111½	3		
33.40	Bankers	213	-1	2.7	42.8
76.90	Barings Em Eu	60		1	
199.90	Baring Tribune	170	3	2.4	49.1
318.10	Br Assets	95½	+¼	6.1	19.9
197.40	Br Empire Sec	104½	+¼	1.2	75.2
695.80	Br Inv	223		3.1	34.6
45.00	Brazilian	72	-2½	2.2	..
168.30	Brunner	263	-3	2.8	41.4
60.40	BZW Conv†	118	+1	8.3	14.8
109.80	Candover	490	+12	3.4	29.5
123.00	Central Euro Gwth	61½	-1½	0.9	-
53.00	Contl Asset	218	-1	1.7	
4.92	Dartmoor Inv Inc	67½	+¼	16.5	
52.60	Derby Cap	343	-5		
17.60	Derby Inc	149	+4	9.0	7.7
215.70	Dunedin Inc G	674	+7	5.1	23.6
16.40	Dunedin Japan	81	-1		
57.00	Dunedin Smlr†	339	+1	3.3	43.6
1.60	Dunedin Wts	20	+½		
266.70	Dunedin Wide	796	-8	1.5	69.4
248.00	Edin Dragon	91½	-2½		
21.40	Edinburgh Inca	26	-¼		
938.70	Edinburgh	319½	+½	3.8	27.7
51.80	EFM Japan	150½	-2		
678.60	Electra Invt	392		2.5	62.8
212.40	Electric Gen	235	-2	2.0	
1.86	English Scot	141½	+½		
97.80	European Asset	392	-2	1.6	57.6
92.00	Fidelity Asian Val	89¾	-3		
113.10	Fidelity Euro Val	217	-1½	0.3	
80.00	Fidelity Jap Val	78	+1	0.2	
44.40	Fidelity Spec Val	121	-1½	0.5	
30.60	Finsbury A	191	+1	2.5	
168.10	Fine Art Chile	184	-4½	1.7	52.0
0.58	Fine Art Wts	31½			
230.00	Fleming Amer	317	-4	1.0	79.5
40.60	Fleming Cap	401			
34.20	Fleming Chinese	56½	-2	1.1	86.2
2.64	Fleming Ch Wts	22			
141.00	Fleming Claver	255	-8	3.0	32.1
246.30	Fleming Contl	377	-4	1.3	
125.80	Fleming Em Mkts	130	-2½		
93.60	Fleming Ent	234	-4	2.8	43.6
485.40	Fleming F East	321	-10	0.5	
55.40	Fleming Fledg	440	-6	0.9	
31.90	Fleming Hi Inct	98	-¼	6.0	18.8
84.50	Fleming Income	105		11.3	11.1
50.20	Fleming Indian	54½	-4		
4.12	Fleming In Wts	24½	-2		
28.00	Fleming Intl	37½	-¼	13.2	
491.90	Fleming Japan	251	-4		
441.40	Fleming Merct	305½	-4	3.2	32.6
43.10	Fleming Mid Res	105	-½	0.6	
438.20	Fleming Overs	330	-2	1.7	
34.30	Fleming Smlr Co	133	-2	4.1	28.7
1.63	Fleming Smlr Wt	[illegible]	-2½		
1,581.80	Foreign & Col	150½	-1	1.7	
39.30	F&C Emg Mkts	91		4.7	26.7
187.00	F&C Emg Mkts	99½	-2		
100.30	F&C Enterprise	108¾	+1	1.4	65.5
181.90	F&C Eurotst	292	-2½	0.5	
52.30	F&C German	133	-½	0.6	
418.00	F&C Pacific	181½	-5	1.3	63.2
80.50	F&C PEP	138½	-1½	3.7	31.9
186.90	F&C Smaller†	178½	-1	1.6	71.1
66.30	F&C US Smlr	132			
2.17	Fulcrum Cap	13½			
3.26	Fulcrum Inc	29			2.7
14.70	Fulcrum Zero	170½	+½		
110.00	Gartmore Brit	220	-1	4.1	
9.27	Gartmore Ent	206	-3	2.4	44.4
31.20	Gartmore Euro	186½	-½	0.8	
23.80	Gartmore Shrd	70	-¼	17.8	7.0
41.80	G'more Smlr Cos	290	-5	2.5	50.6
41.00	Geared Inc Inv	72		15.4	7.7
31.50	Genl Cons Cap	174			
37.30	Genl Inct	103	+1	11.6	10.3
38.90	German Inv	99½	-1½	0.7	
82.90	Gov Asn Sm Cos	221	-7	0.3	
37.20	Gov Eng Mks	104	-1½	0.4	
49.30	Govet Asn Smlr	198	-4		
20.10	Gov Glob Smlr	92	-1½		
33.50	Govett High Inct	70	+1	10.0	11.8
679.30	Govett Oriental	189	-4	0.4	
313.70	Govett Strategic	318½	-2½	2.7	41.7
55.80	Greenfriar	461	-2½	1.9	55.1
0.47	Gresham House	11			2.0
52.00	GT Inc Growth	96½			
138.50	GT Japan	222	-2	0.7	
81.00	Gum Ft Ex Inc	81		11.9	
13.70	Henderson Am Cp	36½	-½		
7.58	Henderson Am Inc	107		9.7	11.3
1.01	Henderson Am Wt	13½			
27.10	Hend High	104	-4	7.3	15.8
74.70	Hend Strata	437	-12	0.4	
89.10	Hend	136		0.6	
	Henld C	83	+1		
20.00	High Income T	88		9.3	
121.70	H Govett Smlr	144	+½	2.0	61.1
102.90	HTR Jap Smaller	102½	-2½		
0.36	I&S Ent	12			
40.00	I&S UK Smlr	138	-3	2.6	31.6
336.50	Inv Cap	136	+2	4.9	23.8
43.30	Intl Biotech	113	-2	1.1	
	Int Wts	37	-4		
29.10	Intl C	97	-1		
106.30	INVESCO Asset	34½	-2½	0.8	
5.56	INVESCO Blue†	44	-1	23.9	4.5
110.40	INVESCO Eng Int	166	-2	0.8	56.0
23.40	INVESCO Jap Dis	64	-1	0.4	
36.30	INVESCO Korea	109	-2½		
60.00	INVESCO Tokyo	53½	-1½		
20.00	J Fry 2nd U	69	-2	12.8	
7.88	J Fry Euro U	74	-1	7.5	13.5
152.70	JF Fledg Jap	242½	-2½		
38.60	Jupiter Ex Inc	77	-½	12.7	8.4
0.36	Jupiter Ex IncWt	6			
10.40	Jupiter Gnd Cap	74		13.4	9.2
9.45	Jupiter Gnd Pfd	27			
29.70	Jupiter Intl Gn	118	-2	4.0	
218.30	Klnwt Chrlt	269½	+¼	2.6	47.6
32.00	Klnwt E Mkt	113	-3½		
43.80	Klnwt End	146	-1		
447.60	Klnwt Euro Pri	88½	-¼	3.1	39.6
26.00	Klnwt Euro Wts	26	-½		
22.90	Klnwt H Inc	76		14.1	8.2
214.10	Klnwt O'seas	357	-5½	1.2	71.1
20.30	Klnwt Smlr	154	-1	2.7	45.6
126.30	Korea—Euro	514½	-10½	0.1	
89.70	Latin American	99¼	-3		
215.70	Law Debenture	938	+7	3.0	33.4
28.00	Lloyds Sm Cap	114	-½		
5.78	Lloyds Sm Div	23½		30.7	6.0
34.10	Lloyds Sm Pfd	139		3.5	
50.20	Lon St Lawrence	153	+1	5.1	25.7
68.70	Lowland	290	-8	4.5	25.7
57.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	575	-23		
9.00	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	90	-1		3.2
128.30	M&G Dual Cap	3020	-38		
11.10	M&G Dual Inc	193			2.0
55.90	M&G Inc Geared	55½	-½	11.9	
69.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	28			
69.60	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	28¼	+¼	23.5	
178.60	M&G Inc Package	132½	-1½	5.4	
168.40	M&G Inc Zero Div	68½			
30.30	M&G Rec Cap	37½			
462.70	M&G Rec Geard	46½		11.6	
33.00	M&G Rec Inc	24½		21.9	4.5
154.90	M&G Rec Parge	138	-1	3.9	
125.90	M&G Rec Zero Div	93½			
31.60	M Currie Eurot	137	+½	0.7	
21.70	M Currie Japan	100	-1		
62.30	M Currie Pac	152	-4	0.7	
117.40	Majedie	224	-1	3.5	34.5
258.20	Mercantile	247½	+4	6.6	20.5
518.50	Mercury Euro Pv	97	-2	2.4	37.4
31.60	Mercury Eur Wt	27½	-2		
411.10	Mercury World	96½		1.3	72.9
13.60	Mercury Wld Wts	16			
452.40	Merlin Inv Tst†	583		2.1	44.7
55.40	Morg Gren Inc	156½	+3	4.0	26.5
2.65	Morg Wts	54¼	+1½		
44.60	Morg Latin Amer	69½	-1	0.5	
3.14	Morg Wts	24½			
32.80	Murray Ent▼	123		2.5	46.5
0.82	Murray Ent Wts	17	-1		
54.30	Murray Emg Eco	83½	-1½	1.4	75.5
2.99	Murray Em Ec Wt	23	+¼		
22.90	Murray Euro	67½		0.7	
296.50	Murray Incmet	344	-1	4.9	
476.00	Murray Intl	396	-3	4.0	29.0
12.30	Murray S/C DP	191½			
7.67	Murray S/C Cap	137			
5.44	Murray S/C Inc	68		20.9	6.0
1.56	Murray S/C Uts	3050		0.5	
255.80	Murray Small	456	-8	1.4	
91.60	Murray Vent	371	-½	4.1	30.4
3.26	Newmarket	9			
20.00	NatBaug Inc	51		12.0	9.3
15.60	NatBaug Cap	63			
142.90	O'seas Inv Tst	375	-3	1.2	
3.05	O'seas Wts	170	-8		
159.10	Pacific Assets	122½	-2	0.4	
29.80	Perpetual Jap	81½	-1½		
17.30	Perpt UK Sm Co	332		0.9	70.1
24.60	Personal Assets	£123	-50	2.5	42.4
40.60	Pilot Inv†	109½	-½	2.3	44.7
83.00	Prolific Inc	118½	-½	4.9	27.5
415.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	229½	-4½	0.9	
	Robeco	463	-4	2.9	
	Rolinco	495	-3	1.5	
144.20	Schrd Asia Pac	103	-1½		
88.20	Schrod Inc Gwtht	111½	+½	4.5	
103.80	Schrod Jap Gwth	83	-1½		
49.90	Schrod Korea	755½	-3½		
1.96	Schrod Medinct	356		0.7	
5.52	Schrod Split Cap	19½	-½		
58.60	Schrod Spl Inc	100		10.2	11.7
50.40	Schrod Split Zero	133½			
274.60	Schrod UK Gwtht	124½	+1	3.0	24.3
176.60	Schrod Vent Intl	183	-1		
745.30	Scot	283	+1	2.7	46.5
374.50	Scot American	167½	-½	3.0	29.7
61.50	Scot Asian	293	-4		
5.46	Scot Wts	780	-20		
609.80	Scot Eastern	96½	+½	2.3	50.0
946.80	Scot Mtge	267½	+½	2.2	44.3
144.50	Scot Natl Tst	90½	-½	11.4	11.3
54.30	Scot Value	108	-1	2.3	50.6
359.00	Second Alliance	1870	-25	1.3	38.8
291.50	Secs Tst of Scot	91	-1	5.0	24.3
25.50	Shires Smlr	131	-4	5.4	20.8
12.50	St Andrew Inv	356	-1	3.2	38.4
106.10	Temple Bar	341	+6	5.5	20.8
138.60	Thmin Asian E	116	-1		
1.78	Throg Dual Cp	51	-1		
225.60	Throgmorton	74½	-½	3.9	40.9
528.80	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	131½	-3½	0.7	
325.50	TR City Of Lon†	157	+1	4.5	
143.70	TR Euro Growth	248	-4½	0.9	
86.30	TR Far East	173	-4	4.6	28.2
30.90	TR High Inct	111	-1½	7.2	16.8
219.60	TR Pacific	110½	-2½	0.2	
145.90	TR Property†	31	+1	4.0	23.0
383.10	TR Smlr Cos	215	-2	2.3	52.8
86.20	TR Tech Invt	237	-9	1.5	79.2
19.40	Turkey Trust	196	-4	1.4	66.8
98.90	Undervalued Ast	128½	+1½	2.3	47.2
57.10	Value Inc Tst	126½	-¼	4.3	28.6
8.79	Voyageur Er Sm	87	+¼	0.8	
26.00	Warrants & Val	32½			
13.60	Wigmore	67	+1	1.6	71.8
948.50	Witan	253	-2	3.3	37.0
20.30	Yeoman Inc	92½	-½	23.4	4.9

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
679.00	Airtours†	400	+9	3.6	14.4
46.80	Ald Leis	40	+2		15.2
53.10	Arcadian	48		2.6	76.1
12.20	BS Group	185		3.0	
22.50	Baldwin	118	-2	4.8	8.2
35.30	Barr & Wall	137	+1	5.8	17.8
104.90	Bluebird Toys	230	-4	4.9	8.9
132.90	Boosey Hwks	678	-50	1.3	32.4
12.90	Burd Walter	3½	+¼		
34.80	Bomdon	33	-½	7.5	13.0
217.00	Capital Corp	217	-3	4.7	35.0
27.70	Clivedon	82	-1	2.4	16.9
16.60	Clubhaus	6¾	-¼		12.5
60.00	Eurocamp†	168	-8½	8.2	8.1
1,247.00	Euro Disney	163	-9		
22.00	Euro Leisure	166	-1		46
3.62	Fairborough	13½			
142.90	First Choice	60	+8½	8.2	
571.30	First Leisure	349	-3	2.9	20.1
34.40	Friendly Hotels†	163	-5	4.4	21.7
8,746.60	Granada†	790	-6	1.9	19.1
28.30	Hi-Tec Sports	40			16.1
17.20	Hornby Gp†	205	+4	2.7	
115.70	Hozelock	486	+1	2.3	17.8
105.90	Jurys Hotel†	249½	-20½	3.2	
59.90	Kunick	25½	-1½	3.2	21.7
2,182.30	Ladbroke	187	+3	4.0	29.1
385.50	London Clubs†	544½	+10½	3.6	18.1
265.60	Man Utd	429	+2	1.4	13.9
587.30	Mandarin Orntl	83½	-5½	4.2	18.2
444.00	Millennium & Cop	307	-4	1.9	
61.00	Northern	126	+1	4.0	14.3
12.30	Prism Leisure	143	+1½	5.0	
31.50	Queensborough	31			
66.70	Queens Moat	17¼	+¼		5.4
3,815.90	Rank Org	457	-19	4.3	14.7
27.50	Ryan Hotels IE	42	-2	4.6	
384.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1343		1.3	54.0
40.50	Secus (Wm)	186		5.2	12.0
511.80	Stakis	105	-4	3.3	20.4
259.10	Stanley Leisure†	453	-3½	1.7	23.5
13.20	Tandem	14			
1,300.10	Tanyong	346		1.5	
85.60	Tottenham Hot▲	433	-25	1.3	7.9
18.40	Toy Options†	92	-6	3.5	11.5
130.30	VCI	335	-7	2.6	19.4
146.40	Vardon	112	-1	1.8	14.8
181.20	Wembley	333			74.9
8.18	Zeters Gp	124		10.1	10.5

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
219.40	Abbot Mead	585	+1	1.9	30.7
36.70	Adscene	169	-5	6.3	8.7
462.50	Aegis Gp	55½	-½		20.2
1.33	BBB Design	16			
64.60	Barbour Index	378	+11	3.2	
5.86	Birdstar	6			
5.13	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
370.50	Blenheim Gp	398	-26	3.3	19.2
27.40	Border TV	289	-1	2.7	
68.80	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
8,565.60	BSkyB	498	+14	1.3	46.1
68.70	CIA Gp	166	+7	1.0	22.1
37.80	Caledonian Med	25	+3		
448.30	Capital Radio	614	-5	2.2	23.1
2,593.90	Carlton Comm†	448	-38	2.8	15.1
134.00	Chrysalis	498		0.7	..
6.64	City of Lon C†	83	-2	7.7	12.1
494.80	Cordiant	111½	+½		
73.70	Daily Mail	1471½	-6½	1.5	35.9
1,320.40	Daily Mail A	1321½	-6½	1.7	32.2
356.30	Dorling Kind	589	-30	1.0	35.1
1,440.00	EMAP†	895	+7	2.0	29.4
6,288.90	Elsevier	956½	-36½	2.4	23.3
284.30	Euromoney Pb	1303	+3	4.2	24.9
14.10	Fitch	39½	-1½		14.1
531.10	Flextech	478	-4		
59.20	GGT Group	221	-1	3.3	
177.40	GWR Grp	208	-3	1.4	31.5
24.80	Gestehouse Group	230		2.4	15.1
12.10	Goodhead	30	+2	0.4	
90.50	Grampian	275	+6	2.5	23.8
317.00	HTV Group	361	+9	1.3	34.8
46.50	Haynes Pub	358		4.2	14.5
6.34	Highbury Hse	20	-1		
70.00	Hodder H'line	199	-3	4.1	15.2
14.50	Home Counts	145		4.7	12.9
117.50	IBC	302	-2	3.3	12.0
13.90	Incepta	21	-1		59.1
1,017.70	Independent▼	305	+7	2.2	36.2
4.51	Inforpose	98		8.7	18.5
233.60	Johnston Press▲	175	+4	1.6	22.2
9.41	Lopex	17½		3.6	9.0
250.30	MAI	273			
114.40	Maiden	281	-6	2.1	
30.50	Marketkey	56	-4	2.1	
95.80	Metal Bulletin	968	-25	2.1	34.3
162.70	Midland Ind	118	+10	3.7	15.3
788.50	Mirror Gp	188	-1½	2.7	13.2
204.90	More O'Ferrall	619	-4	2.8	19.8
6,004.30	News Corp	310	-29	0.5	8.7
2,341.20	News Intl	338	-14	1.2	13.3
9.54	Osprey Comms	33	-1		
3,476.30	Pearson	623	-26	3.3	21.6
70.00	Phonelock	149	-1		
79.80	Portsmth Sundt	885			
55.30	Quarto	301	-3	3.0	12.1
6,094.60	Reed Intl	1073	-33	2.3	
11,636.40	Reuters	691	-40	1.9	24.5
89.30	Scott Radio	363	-5	2.4	22.7
205.10	Scot TV	653	+3	3.1	21.8
66.30	Shandwick	48½	-1	3.4	6.5
7.50	Sleepy Kids	25	-4	0.5	9.3
55.10	Southnews†	349		2.1	22.7
12.60	Sterling Pub	27	+4		
103.00	Taylor Nelson	46½		1.9	23.4
775.50	Telegraph	569	+2	2.9	41.6
36.50	Television Cp	147	-2	2.1	22.1
6,193.10	Thomson Corp	1040	-3	4.3	21.8
7,279.60	Thorn EMI	1689	-48	3.0	34.6
520.30	Trinity Intl	377	-8	3.5	17.6
124.80	Ulster TV	229	-4	2.7	21.1
3,062.40	United News	638	+7	4.5	21.1
10.90	VTR	105		5.4	10.4
97.10	Visual Action	211		2.8	15.5
1,505.70	WPP	204	-5	0.8	21.5
60.70	Wilmington†	65	-1	0.4	28.1
652.50	Yorkshire TV	1250	+2	1.4	43.7

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,158.60	Ang Am Coal	4800	+12½	3.1	
8,563.10	Ang Am	3665¾	-149¾	2.2	
1,358.60	Ang Am Gold	5625	-125	2.8	
16.70	Anglo Pac Res	20½	-2		
97.00	Arcon Intl	35	+1		
964.30	Ashanti	1150	+25	2.1	14.9
232.10	Ashton	83	-7	6.8	
103.30	Babyrchl	330	-34		
491.10	Beatrix	522½	-35	3.7	
3.36	Bisichi	32	-1	3.0	38.9
28.10	Blyvoors	117	+2½		
108.30	Bougainville	27			
2.25	Bracken	16		4.5	
3.24	Bute	1½			
5,654.30	CRA	880	-41	3.5	19.3
160.50	Central Pacific	160	-65		
8.49	Cons Murchison	136	-1	3.7	4.5
7,794.20	De Beers	2050	-100	2.4	24.7
60.81	Deelkraal	61	-5½	1.2	
1,688.90	Driefontein†	827½	-20¾	2.5	
53.60	Durban	582¾	-31¼		
61.40	E Rand Gold	133½	-7½	14.0	7.1
48.00	E Rand Prop	36¼	-¾		
86.30	Eastern Trans	100		1.2	
350.80	Elandsrand	361¼	-14	2.4	41.8
791.30	Eng China Cl	258	+11	8.1	12.2
774.60	FS Cons	651	-23½	1.2	
8.88	FS Dev	40		2.5	
1,770.00	GFSA	1825	+12½	1.7	30.3
830.20	GM Kalgoorli	66	-3	3.1	
3,032.80	Gencor	218½	-14	1.3	23.7
12.40	Gold Fields Propt	121		7.1	9.3
14.30	Greenwich R 'A'	12½	-1		7.4
16.50	Grootvlei	144¼	-4½	3.5	31.9
94.30	Gwalia Cons	152	-4	0.7	27.8
175.60	Harmony	654	-13	8.9	
229.00	Hartes	204½	-8¼	7.1	
548.90	Impala Plat	888¼	-31¼	2.6	17.7
97.50	Kakon	78	-6	15.4	7.0
127.30	Kinross	706½	-59¼	1.6	
930.20	Kloof†	671¼	+29	2.1	
13.40	Leslie	83½	-3½	5.2	
38.10	Loraine	232½	-7½		
26.70	Medlothian	31	-2		
1,187.00	MIM	74	-6	3.4	
3,154.40	Minorco	1400	-50	2.9	
59.70	Monarch	103	-2		
9.80	Mosdegale	150	+5	3.0	37.0
33.50	MSIA	55		3.4	
1,146.90	Nth Brkn Hill	165	-14	3.4	22.8
76.60	Petaling Tin	380	+70	0.2	
499.20	Placer Pac	80	-4	3.8	
736.60	RJB	478	-37	4.2	7.1
9,758.40	RTZ	912	+15	3.7	13.2
14.90	Richmond	57	-1	6.6	9.0
73.40	Rand Mines	123	+10	9.6	10.4
240.80	Randfontein†	393¾	+6	4.8	30.0
613.70	Renison	305	+10	1.7	12.0
1,200.10	Rustenburg	940¾	-109¼	3.4	21.0
75.50	St Barbara	36		4.2	8.5
33.70	St Helena	349¾	-5¾	4.9	16.8
295.80	Sorc Gedu	415		3.1	25.2
166.90	Silcom Pacific	60	-32		
547.50	Southvaal	2106¾	-203½	3.3	30.7
8.40	Stilfontein	84½	-4½	6.7	18.6
72.00	Unisel	257½	-7½	3.1	21.0
985.60	Vaal Reefs	5168¾	-434¼	3.1	32.5
16.20	Wankie Col Z	16	-½	9.5	
11.00	Water Hall	1½			
108.70	Watts Blake	520		3.7	16.4
637.10	Western Deep	2300	-328¾	2.3	44.3
4,773.00	Western Mng	432	-12	2.3	25.1
72.40	Winkels	593¾	-18¾	2.4	31.7
41.80	Zambia Copper	34½	-¾		
45.60	Zandpan	35	-4	7.0	

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
85.30	Abbot Group	73	-1	1.5	
7.21	Alliance-Res	2	+¼		
	Ass Oil & Gas	45½	+2½		
10.40	Aviva Pet	33			
332.20	Br Borneo	534		1.8	25.0
8,325.50	British Gas	189	+3	9.6	9.5
32,498.40	Br Petroleum†	579½	-8	3.6	17.1
40.60	Beta Resources	2½			
2,095.20	Burmah Castrol	993	-2	4.2	14.9
374.30	Cairn Energy▲	339	+65½		
394.80	Calor Gp	234	-1	6.7	15.4
254.00	Clyde Pet	62	-2	2.3	30.2
12.70	Coplex Res	7½	-½		
67.10	Dragon Oil	1¼			
7.13	Edin Oil & Gs	20½	+¼	1.5	14.3
2,356.40	Enterprise	477	-11	4.2	26.1
97.30	Fortune	9	+¼		45.8
19.20	Gt Western Res	17	+1		
294.50	Hardy Oil†	299	-1	0.5	
6.64	Int Tool & Sup	4¼			
117.60	JKX Oil & Gas	173	+2		
1,738.80	LASMO	180	-4	0.7	
2.91	Lasmo Units	41		21.5	
430.90	Monument	64½	+½		35.8
6,512.50	Norsk Hydro	2843¾	-171¼	2.1	8.5
9.26	Oceanics	21			
198.90	Oil Search	65	-1		
	Petrol	39½	+1½		
296.40	Premier	29	+½	2.2	11.2
22.50	Pittencrieff Rs	38		1.6	
113.70	Ramco Egy	560		0.2	
451.00	Ranger	458	12	4.5	7.7
50,878.00	Royal Dtch Fl	9480¾	-381¼	3.9	18.5
12,931.90	Schlumberger	5312½	-3¾	1.8	
48.70	Seafield	71	-1		
30,067.00	Shell	907	-26½	4.6	19.0
10,189.50	Total	4503¼	-87¾	3.4	16.3
2,540.00	Woodside	381	-12	1.1	
28.30	XCL	15			

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
82.80	Aberdeen Tst	96	-1	3.7	18.7
21.20	BWD	108	-3	6.2	11.7
2.67	Berry Bch Wtt	41	+1	24.1	
169.30	Biotec-Inv	285	-3		
42.70	Brewin Dolphin	193	-5	4.5	13.5
623.80	Caledonia†	748		3.0	24.2
60.00	Camellia	2400		1.7	20.0
819.90	Cattles	233½	-½	3.7	16.8
8.50	Christie	36	-7		
56.20	EFT Group	115		2.3	13.7
198.70	EFM	640½	+1½	4.9	15.6
106.00	Exco	86	-1	13.1	10.4
243.10	Henderson Ad	1115	15	5.0	18.8
536.20	Invesco	220	-7	2.6	14.9
13.00	Investment Co	47	+2	6.3	13.9
86.90	Ivory Sime	274	+2	3.8	
2,110.10	Jardine Strat	198½	-1½	4.7	
19.50	Johnson Fry	129	+2	3.9	6.2
381.00	Liberty Intl	353	-2	5.1	20.1
273.70	Lon Forfaiting	267	-3	4.8	13.9
160.90	London Pacific	229	-5	8.1	20.5
125.70	Lon Scot Bkt	102		3.2	19.2
443.40	Man ED & F	171	-1	7.7	7.9
825.80	M & G	1110	-3	3.8	20.6
1,665.30	MAM	912	-7	4.8	
85.20	Nat Home Loan†	97	-1	1.3	4.3
593.00	Perpetual	2133	-155	2.6	18.9
1,124.20	Provident	415	-4	4.2	16.6
78.00	Rathbone Brs	312		4.0	14.6
126.40	Rutland Tst	51	+½	2.9	16.6
12.50	SEC Group	76	+2	7.0	14.9
458.00	S & U	388	-13	5.2	10.3
308.70	SJP Capital	111	-4	3.7	7.5
5,358.50	Swire Pacific	552	-9½	2.2	21.8
8.01	Tomy Law	39		3.2	
4.59	Tmo Hldgs	5½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,271.40	Brit Biotech	1950	-203		
101.20	Cantab Pharm	653	-12		
380.00	Celltech	504	-16		
266.70	Chiroscience	319	-35		
328.40	Cortecs	254	-30		
31,222.60	Glaxo Wellcome	886	-6	4.2	17.9
835.80	Medeva	241	+2	2.3	13.5
68.90	Peptide Thera	203			
549.10	Scotia	716	+17		
146.70	Shire Pharms	241	-2		
249.50	SkyePharma	72	-1		
18,611.40	SmithKline	679	-5	2.6	24.3
122.10	Vanguard	493	-2		
13,106.50	Zeneca	1384	-12	2.8	22.3

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.10	AG Holdings	156	+4	4.6	13.1
186.90	API	665	-5	2.0	22.1
31.20	App Holo	118			
1,447.10	Arjo Wiggins	176	-3	5.3	15.5
29.00	Aspen Comms	191		4.1	11.0
143.80	Bemrose	340		5.3	10.2
120.90	Blagden	167		1.2	26.7
747.30	Bowater Inc	2040¾	-228¾		
191.80	Bowater Ind	271	+2	1.2	23.8
391.40	Br Polythene	723	-4	3.9	15.3
3.70	Br Thornton	23			
186.00	Bruton Grp	134		2.8	12.2
985.20	Bunzl	220½	-5½	3.3	14.3
52.30	Capital Inds	178		3.7	11.6
26.70	Chapple (James)†	322	+5½	1.5	25.4
1,361.30	De La Rue	603	-1	4.9	14.2
6.53	Delyn Group†	75		3.3	12.0
38.60	Dolphin Pack	165		3.9	17.9
38.70	Fairway Group	97	-5	5.0	16.6
92.90	Ferguson Intl	230		7.2	12.2
47.30	Filofax	157	-112	2.7	9.7
77.80	Inveresk	148		5.0	13.1
108.80	Jarvis Porter†	233	-3	3.6	11.8
518.20	Low & Bonar	524	-1	3.3	14.4
125.70	MY Holdings	93		2.8	18.1
268.00	Macfarlane	220	-1	2.2	18.7
20.70	Nobo Gp	117		6.6	9.1
37.50	Photobition	357	-15	2.3	
79.80	Phyxu	167	-2	5.5	17.3
39.90	Porter Chadbm	32	-3		12.1
1,833.80	REXAM	364		4.8	14.6
442.90	St Ives Gp	442	-1	2.5	16.1
987.30	Seppl	657½	-29½	0.7	
3.90	Senl	5¼	-¼		
57.70	Sidlaw	84		11.2	13.9
974.80	Smith David	308	+3	3.1	10.0
1,765.60	Smurfit (Jeff)†	164	-5	3.1	
1.68	Sonic†	84	-2	4.5	10.0
132.90	Wace	168	-3	4.4	9.9
266.20	Waddington (J)†	295	+13	4.6	14.6
285.80	Watmough	419	-4	2.8	16.8
81.90	Wyndeham†	235	-1½	2.3	18.9

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
44.00	Allied Lon	63	+1½	7.9	7.0
209.60	Argent	347	-2		18.2
11.50	Arlington Estt	64	-2½	2.9	
107.80	Asda	137		2.4	22.6
9.85	Ashquay Grp	45	-3		
189.00	Bilton	215	+3	6.0	15.0
89.20	Birdby	182	+3	5.7	
5.66	Bolton Gp	15	-1		
25.60	Bourne End	42		3.6	27.0
309.70	Bradford†	212	+1	4.6	18.1
1,836.50	Br Land†	426	+1½	2.5	15.9
390.30	Brixton	167	-1	6.7	14.9
512.50	Burford	123	-1	2.0	41.8
119.20	CLS Hldgs	108		6.1	13.8
81.00	Cap & Regal	178	-1	1.8	21.6
1,041.60	Cap Shop Ctrs	286		3.3	28.2
6.47	Cardiff Prop	185		1.9	26.3
34.90	Carlisle	12¼	+¼		
32.30	Calley Intl	11½			
501.30	Chelsfield	245	-9	1.4	38.7
87.60	Chesterfield	447	-6	3.7	21.9
83.70	Chesterton Inf	106		3.5	15.7
6.48	City Site Ests	41	+1		
18.00	Clarke Nickolls	6½	-¼	5.4	8.7
28.80	Compco†	137	+½	3.0	20.5
30.60	Con Mktd	225	-5	3.2	24.7
195.30	Daejan†	1198	-2	3.7	
8.72	Dares Estates	1½			
18.60	Debenham Tewsn†	44	-4	4.3	
28.50	Dencora	152		3.1	11.8
137.70	Derwent Hldgs	355		1.9	31.1
54.60	Development Sec	188		1.6	26.0
23.10	Dwyer†	45		3.3	12.0
16.80	Edge Properties	103	+2		
21.60	Estates Agency	360		5.6	23.6
12.90	Estates Gen	55			
153.50	Evans Of Leeds†	115		1.3	17.9
10.00	Ex-Lands Prop	9		6.9	
24.50	Fiscal Prop	56		4.6	26.6
26.10	Five Oaks	25½		3.7	12.1
2.44	Fletcher King†	28		6.7	
7.12	Folkes Group	63		3.3	5.8
14.20	Folkes Group nv	58		3.5	
250.30	Frogmore	485	+1	4.7	22.8
70.60	Grainger†	294		2.8	20.4
677.80	Gt Portland	178	+9	6.3	18.5
168.60	Greycoat	135	-4½	0.7	
275.50	Hambro Cntrye	78			
1,029.80	Hammerson	363	-2	3.7	23.8
62.40	Helical Bar	376	-4	2.4	13.5
43.40	Herringway	26½	-½	2.4	16.9
2.43	High-Point	45			
3,706.70	HK Land	137	-8½	5.4	15.4
16.10	Jermyn	161		3.5	27.7
6.81	Kendel	0½			
15.88	LSH	85			
29.90	Lands Imp	115	-5		
3,293.60	Land Sec	642	-29	5.1	18.9
41.70	London Intl†	289		6.0	12.7
25.80	Lon & Assoct	34½		2.6	18.5
2.38	Lon & Metro	5	-¼		
204.20	Lon Merch Sect	83½		6.9	
1,772.40	MEPC	423	+21	5.9	21.5
5.42	McInerney A	9	+1½		
30.20	McKay Secs	126		5.2	18.0
10.40	Merivale Mre	61	-1	8.2	6.4
20.30	Moorfield Est	29½		3.2	38.4
45.90	Mountview	1008	-100	3.4	
113.20	Muckow (A&J)	116	-3	7.1	15.7
2.20	OEM	36			5.7
4.22	ORB	64			
12.90	Olives Prop	25	-1	2.0	19.6
160.80	PSIT	132	-5	5.3	14.5
312.90	Peel	408	-3	2.0	
229.10	Pillar Prop	162	+1	3.6	46.9
2.33	Power Corp#	2			
12.40	Premier Land	4½	-¼		
45.80	Rayfort	26½		5.2	16.8
42.30	Regalian	36	+3½	1.7	25.1
20.00	Rowlinson Secs	160		2.0	
16.90	Rugby Est	94		2.9	23.7
73.70	St Modwen Prp	62	+3	4.5	9.8
58.00	Savile Grdn	57	+3	6.8	
31.90	Savills	80	-4	3.5	
97.90	Scot Mett	75		4.3	13.0
71.00	Shaftesbury	145	-2	1.5	19.8
879.30	Slough Estates	225	+6	4.7	30.8
21.00	Smart (J)	208		5.5	9.2
34.70	Southend Prop	32	-2	3.4	
25.40	Speyhawk Shops	115	-1	2.6	34.7
285.80	TBI	78½	+2½	1.6	26.5
60.70	Tops Ests	131		2.4	29.2
115.60	Town Centre	89		4.6	13.9
78.20	Trafford Park	114		3.7	11.7
12.50	UK Land	117	-1	4.4	10.8
15.00	WSP Group	53		5.2	11.3
93.40	Warner	180	-4	8.5	17.4
81.40	Warnford	212		4.7	16.1
142.80	Wates	72	-½		
1.72	Whitney Mdrs	36			
6.23	Wood Jake OC†	76	+1½	4.1	

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,322.10	ASDA Group	113½	-2	1.0	
372.20	Bate Bros	720	+5	1.6	20.7
72.50	Budgen	44½	+¼	3.6	
4.36	Cullens	16½		3.9	44.0
654.70	Dairy Farm Intl	49¾	-4	7.9	7.0
69.80	Fenpalt	301		3.7	
138.20	Fitzwilton	54	-2	5.6	12.7
296.00	Fyffes†	105	-1	2.1	11.2
153.90	Greggs	1350	+10	2.5	16.5
267.80	Iceland Group	105	-6	6.2	6.2
538.50	Kwik Save	411	-18	6.1	8.8
1,172.80	Morrison (W)	150	-7	1.1	14.8
175.60	Nurdin Peack	137	-3	6.6	20.4
150.10	Park Foods	93	-6	4.1	
1.30	Regina Hlthc	5¼			
3,408.30	Safeway	315	-14½	5.1	12.7
5,712.40	Sainsbury 'J'†	366	-8	4.1	13.5
8,196.30	Tesco	287	+4	4.2	12.7
108.40	Thorntons	168	+8	3.9	19.3
206.80	Watson & Philip†	482	-16	4.4	14.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
89.10	Alexon	155	-7		38.2
218.60	Allders†	203	-1½	4.3	13.2
2,026.30	Argos	711	-12	2.4	24.2
450.70	Ashley (Laura)	190	+1	0.3	65.7
64.60	Austin Reed	207	+1	3.6	28.2
59.50	Beattie (J)	145		5.7	17.1
48.30	Bentalls	115	+2	2.4	57.3
114.40	Bolcomarian	108½	+½	3.0	19.4
56.60	Blacks Leis	178	-8	1.6	21.7
378.00	Body Shop	197	+19	2.2	18.4
5,384.90	Boots†	597	+19	3.9	16.8
23.50	Brown & Jackson	19	+1		
493.50	Brown (N)†	338	-1	2.1	23.4
2,050.60	Burton†	143½	-8	2.0	23.3
26.60	Cantors▲	175		2.2	
420.50	Carpetright	533	+2	3.5	23.9
363.50	Christies Intl	221	-1	1.6	27.8
51.00	Church	468	-5	3.9	17.9
24.90	Clinton Cards	133		4.8	10.3
31.50	City Centrals	165		4.1	
211.40	Coats Furnsh	863	-10	1.1	
3.16	Crown Eyeg	210		6.5	8.2
532.50	DFS Furniture	511	+21	2.1	28.6
2,027.30	Dixons Grp†	485	-19½	2.2	20.5
48.40	Elec Boutique	18½	+1½		
8.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		4.1	
8.18	ERA Gp	6½	+½	1.9	18.9
8.85	Essex Furn	75	+1	7.2	12.5
128.10	Etam	186		0.8	
380.30	Fine Art Dev	473	+18	4.4	14.2
4.90	Fired Earth	86		2.9	14.2
32.30	Flying Flo UK	178	+5	2.3	16.9
40.10	French Conn	219		1.1	21.8
88.30	Fosst Group	94		9.3	6.3
16.60	Gieves	73		3.9	13.4
88.80	Goldsmiths Gp	310	+3	1.8	20.5
6,046.10	GUS	601	-27	3.8	15.4
85.00	Hamleys	373		2.7	19.3
12.80	Hampden Grp	85		2.9	12.1
393.10	Hse of Fraser	171	-4	4.0	33.3
14.00	Hughes (TJ)	68	+2	4.8	21.3
43.70	Ionications	310	-3	0.8	12.2
216.00	JJB Sports	240	-23	1.5	25.8
4,181.20	Kingfisher	625	+10	3.2	20.2
67.60	Kingsbury Grp	266	-6	1.4	20.6
91.10	Liberty	405		0.6	
592.60	Lloyds Chem	377½	[illegible]	2.7	[illegible]
1,054.90	MFI	161		2.1	
11,718.60	Marks Spencer†	387	[illegible]	[illegible]	27.0
309.10	Menzies (John)	551	-3	[illegible]	[illegible]
16.70	Merchant Retail	19			
214.30	Moss Bros	1216	-60	1.9	27.5
1,982.20	Next	540	-1	2.8	25.8
10.40	Owen (G)	41			
258.30	Oilfame Intl	482	-9	3.2	
16.60	Partridge Fine	15		4.9	[illegible]
15.40	QS Hldgs	39		5.0	
58.80	Ronelyz	248		2.6	[illegible]
1,502.20	Sears	98½	-1½	5.0	
72.70	Signet Group	26½	+2½		
1,352.10	Smith WH	481	-19	4.1	27.9
307.00	Sotheby's	905		1.7	28.3
1,199.00	Storehouse†	285½	+½	3.2	36.3
57.50	Stylo	116	-2	5.2	17.5
144.50	T&S Stores	201	-1	4.4	11.9
82.60	The Rackt	160	-½	2.1	16.6
6.04	Upton & South	3½	-¼		
4,060.50	Vendome	582	14	2.2	
36.40	WEW Group	25	2	1.8	
260.80	Wickes▲	69		3.6	
10.00	Wld of Leather	83		2.1	
77.60	Wyevale	200	-1	3.3	17.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,572.20	ADT	1133	-37		
157.60	Alpha Airpts	94	4	6.6	10.2
12.30	Alphameric	29			
46.60	Auto Sec	39	+1		
37.80	BNB Res	176	-1	4.5	10.4
101.10	BPP	365		3.7	19.6
51.60	BSM	185		4.7	[illegible]
303.30	BTG	1735	-37	0.3	
124.60	Barlands	437½	-12½		
4.12	Br Bloodstock	98	+5	1.9	
39.80	Brit Data Mgt	159		4.2	23.0
12.30	Brooks Service	102		5.7	17.4
232.80	Business Post	460	+3	1.4	26.5
368.80	CAIG	609	-16	0.9	29.0
103.40	CRT Gp	153		3.1	25.6
10.10	Caird Gp	375	+13		
193.90	Capita Group	345	12	1.4	29.3
3.21	Chemu	5		2.3	13.9
956.40	Chubb Sect	340	+7	3.1	
238.70	Corp Services	170	-4	3.3	30.5
75.90	Coutts Cnslg	53		4.7	21.1
29.80	DCS Gp	155	+4	1.2	24.7
274.20	Davis Service	266	+1	4.4	13.1
132.60	Delphi	520		1.1	20.4
19.20	Dudley Jenkins	144		3.2	19.3
11.60	EW Fact	64		1.5	12.2
20.70	El Data Prc†	79		3.4	11.4
109.90	FI Group†	370	6½	1.4	
1,766.90	Hays	430	-15	2.1	21.0
247.30	Hogg Robinson†	282	-3	3.9	13.9
406.00	ISS & Div	1562½	+43½	1.6	10.5
175.60	JBA Hldgs	515	-5	1.0	31.8
148.30	Johnson Clean	299		4.7	13.6
37.40	Kalamazoo†	130	-4	4.0	
53.90	Kewill Syst	435	+8	2.3	17.9
29.30	LBMS	115	15		
8.86	Laser-Scan	24	-3		11.9
76.00	Leigh	115	-1	4.4	
398.80	Logica	633	-12	1.3	76.9
68.40	Lynx Hldgs†	71	-5	2.8	15.1
65.00	MDIS	65	+2	2.3	
51.50	MMT Comp	440	-23	7.0	21.7
49.10	MR Group	88	-2	3.8	
103.50	Macro 4	501	+19	5.7	13.5
1,626.70	Manpower	2187¾	-206¾	0.4	
27.50	Mentmore Abbey	8½			59.6
111.40	Micro Focus	738	+43		
56.50	Microgen†	143	+1	6.6	9.7
642.00	Misys	758	-19	1.6	25.2
94.30	MITIE Gp	370	+10	1.2	27.1
18.70	Nors Group	34½	-1½	5.2	8.8
30.60	Office▲	44	-1	2.7	
113.00	P & P	140	+9½	2.9	12.4
173.40	Page (Michael)	282	-8	2.2	15.3
113.50	Parity	399	+11	1.2	26.0
26.30	Pegasus	418	+143	1.8	30.1
4.95	Pennia	30	+5	2.8	
95.90	Photo-Me	158		4.0	13.2
23.80	Proudfoot	30	+1	8.5	
76.40	RCO	247	+1	8.3	13.4
26.00	RPS Group	137	+10	3.4	13.1
17.30	Radius	[illegible]	-1	2.7	14.2
14.80	Real Time	212	+2	3.0	
52.40	Relust	72	-2	2.0	
64.00	Reed Executive	135	-1	2.0	11.2
50.60	Reliance Secs	222	+2	3.9	
5,561.90	Rentokil	387	-9	1.3	27.9
57.10	Ricardo Group	125	-5	6.3	15.2
39.10	Rolfe & Nolan	313	-5	1.9	25.4
466.80	Sage Gp	435	-11	0.7	26.6
1,053.80	Salvesen (C)†	361	+7	3.0	19.5
57.40	Sanderson Elec	138	-11	3.6	14.8
179.70	Select App	256	-26	1.2	
797.90	Serna Gp	719	-1	0.9	[illegible]
327.40	Serco Gp	542	-2	1.1	37.5
260.80	Shanks & McEwan†	109	+1	4.1	[illegible]
18.90	Sherwd Intl	220	-8	2.1	10.0
82.60	Sketchley	96	+2	4.7	
4.85	Standard Platf	15½			
44.70	Stat-Plus	208	-2½	6.3	17.3
34.90	Superscape VR	415	-15		
60.90	Warner Howrd	356		4.4	12.3
1,252.70	Wace Mgt Intl	334	11		
60.40	Waste Recyc	132	+11	1.6	22.5

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22,527.70	BT	356	-3	6.8	11.0
9,059.80	Cable Wireless†	407	-20	3.1	15.4
44.50	Euro Telecom	143	-6		
442.40	General Cable	175	+4		
770.10	NYNEX Cable	92½	6½		
2,132.40	Orange	178	10		
1,488.00	Securicor	249	-12	0.2	
1,260.70	Telewest	136	-4		
6,941.70	Vodafone†	227	-½	2.2	22.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.98	Allbury†	52	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
45.10	Alexandra	135		6.1	12.5
133.60	Allied Text	199	15	5.0	12.6
206.50	Baird (Wm)	178	4	6.6	[illegible]
15.20	Bridgen-Grdy	145		7.5	15.7
18.10	Br Mohair	136	-1	4.5	13.2
2.92	Campari#	28			
4.91	Chamb Phipps	11	-3		0.7
119.20	Claremont Gs	216		5.5	13.9
1,137.90	Coats Viyella	162	-8	6.9	12.1
350.20	Courtaulds Text	339	1	5.7	11.6
131.00	Dawson†	67	-4	4.6	19.8
239.80	Dewhurst (I)	164	-2	2.4	15.9
4.10	Delve Hse	32	-1	5.9	8.7
7.83	Drummond	36	-2	5.4	12.5
2.92	Faupel	25	-1	10.0	
29.30	FII	190		9.7	
6.98	Forminster#	77		2.0	
1.12	Foster (John)	10			
6.84	French†	58	-1	7.9	12.4
21.00	Gent SR	58	-1	5.4	5.3
27.60	Haggas	126	+2	3.5	17.3
31.60	Hartstone†	9½	-¼	4.1	
9.96	Helene Plc	5	-1½	10.8	
79.20	Hickng Pntcst	334	+1	2.4	16.2
11.40	Holtex	8½		8.2	
2.18	Honeysuckle	26		9.6	
26.80	Horace Small	78	+2		7.6
6.17	Jacques Vert†	65		13.0	4.3
6.42	Jerome (S)	73		3.6	9.5
76.60	Jones Stroud	443	+5	3.0	
17.00	Lambert	123		7.2	
85.50	Lamont	384	-1	5.6	14.0
73.70	Leeds	203	-2	4.1	12.1
19.20	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	32.0
3.67	Lyles (S)	51			
36.40	Marling	20	+1½	4.4	
5.41	PEX	7	-1½		
23.60	Parkland†	172	+5½	4.4	7.1
408.80	Pentland	112½	-3½	3.7	17.7
13.50	Pittards	62	-1	3.0	
114.30	Readicut†	58		7.4	16.7
18.40	Rexmore	93	+4	4.7	
13.80	Richards	99		4.2	
2.50	SEET	50	-3		
78.60	Sherwood Gp	70		6.4	7.9
6.67	Shiloh	115		4.2	12.3
41.20	Sirdar	76		9.0	32.2
41.20	Stirling Gp	47	+1	6.1	10.0
18.80	Strong & Fisher	11	-2½	11.4	9.1
7.70	UK Safety	20		5.0	
14.30	Usher (Frank)	196	-11	6.7	9.5
7.90	Wensum	104		6.0	9.5
31.40	Yorklyde	280	-5	3.6	11.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
11.10	Air London	123	+5	4.4	10.6
9,767.20	All Nippon Air	677	+8½	0.3	
1,029.50	Assoc Br Ports	289	+3	3.0	15.4
4,885.20	BAA†	472	-28	3.0	16.2
4,939.50	Br Airways†	514	-8	3.3	10.8
12.20	Central Tran R	11			
21.30	Clarkson (H)	95	-2	3.8	6.5
70.10	Clydeport	170	+2	3.2	12.8
38.40	Dart	240	+2	3.1	14.2
478.20	Eurotunnel Uts	104	-3½		
453.30	FirstBus	146	-5	4.3	20.3
31.30	Fisher (James)	130		1.9	11.8
243.20	Forth Ports	535	-15	2.7	18.5
129.20	Go-Ahead	284	-1	2.2	12.7
201.60	Goode Durrant†	372	-2½	2.8	14.5
40.50	IoM Steam	135	-5	4.3	
144.60	Irish Cont	573		0.9	14.5
55.30	Jacobs	80		3.0	23.0
68.70	Lon O'Sea Frs	94	-3	0.7	19.2
346.80	Mersey Dock	387	+37	3.7	15.9
1,370.90	NFC†	197	+4	4.5	25.0
438.60	Natl Express	455	-8	2.7	12.8
694.20	Ocean Group	445	-1	4.0	19.7
35.70	Ocean Wilson	90	+2	5.0	5.0
2,962.20	P & O Dfd	488	-10	7.8	12.8
96.60	P & O 5.5%	145	-6	4.7	
2,102.50	Railtrack (P/P)	220½	-7½	6.3	7.6
11.90	Seacon	49		5.7	22.2
137.10	Servisair	341	-20	1.8	31.9
779.50	Stagecoach	464	+30	4.8	23.0
40.30	TLG	89		3.8	13.3
377.40	TNT	66			
271.80	Tibbet & Britn	613	+15	3.3	34.7
309.90	TDG	289	+10	5.7	15.2
29.40	Ugland	75		6.1	10.6
30.50	Utd Carriers	90	-3	4.4	

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,436.40	Anglian†	533	-12	7.0	6.9
936.30	Hyder†	665	-13	7.3	9.6
129.40	Hyder Crs Pdf	98	+½	10.0	
103.50	Mid Kent Hldgs	602		5.0	10.3
2,007.40	Severn Trent†	545½	+2½	7.4	6.1
154.90	South Staffs	2625		3.7	13.8
863.90	South West†	676	+1	5.6	8.7
1,640.60	Southern	1061	3	3.8	11.7
2,264.60	Thames†	547	-16	6.5	7.4
2,897.40	Utd Utilities†	564	-10	6.5	11.2
724.50	Wessex	337	-21	5.6	6.7
1,293.90	Yorkshire†	633	-17	6.1	8.8

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.37	Abacus Recruit	43	-2		
4.86	Cale Ins†	170	-3	1.8	14.1
15.70	Country Gdns	85		2.0	16.4
82.10	Dawson Hldgs	1850	-25	2.4	14.5
16.50	Fincraft	70	+8		29.9
123.00	Freepages	33½	+2		
42.40	Megalomedia	92	-2		
33.30	Memory Corp	56	-5		
18.10	Old English Pub▲	118	-6	1.1	51.5
88.60	Pal City	365	+6		
127.70	Southern News	530	-5	3.8	13.9
	Southern Vectis	68			
28.10	Surrey Fi Ins	265	-2	0.9	31.2
347.90	Trocadero	70	-3		

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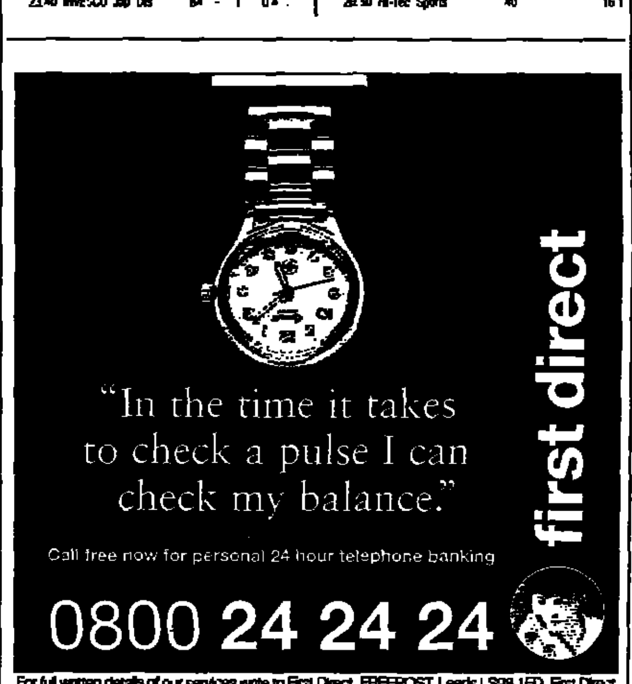

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,200	Treas 2% 1996	[illegible]	+ [illegible]	0.91	5.55
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	101 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.87	5.80
1,988	Treas 7% 1997	101 [illegible]	- [illegible]	6.92	5.79
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	103 [illegible]	[illegible]	12.78	5.64
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	102 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.23	5.87
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	103	- [illegible]	8.50	5.86
830	Exch 15% 1997	110 [illegible]	- [illegible]	13.54	5.89
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	105	- [illegible]	9.29	6.10
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	101 [illegible]		7.14	6.22
1,300	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100 [illegible]		6.72	6.50
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	113	- [illegible]	12.39	6.29
835	Treas 15½% 1998	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	13.12	6.37
3,000	Exch 12% 1998	111 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.77	6.56
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	106 [illegible]		8.93	6.62
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113 [illegible]	[illegible]	10.82	6.72
1,292	Treas 10½% 1999	109 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.60	6.75
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	97 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.13	6.78
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	109 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.35	6.92
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	106 [illegible]	..	8.48	7.01
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103 [illegible]		7.75	7.13
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	120	- [illegible]	10.83	7.12
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	110 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.04	7.24

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
10,750	Treas 7% 2001	98 [illegible]		7.10	7.32
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	110 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.79	7.49
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	102 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.81	7.55
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	112 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.86	7.61
1,630	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.92	7.38
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	4.31	6.60
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	110 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.60	7.75
8,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	93 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.20	7.76
8,900	Treas 8½% 2005	104 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.14	7.81
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	110 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.60	7.81
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.91	7.73
9,000	Treas 7¼% 2006	97 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.71	7.87
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	98 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.84	7.80
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	100 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.94	7.87
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.75	7.96
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	103 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.18	7.94
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.17	7.73
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	107 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.36	7.99
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	99 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.02	8.04

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	84 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.41	8.11
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	107 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.36	8.10
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	107 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.36	8.14
7,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.03	7.91
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	98 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.13	8.17
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.09	8.19
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	98 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.14	8.18
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.32	8.22
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	134	+ [illegible]	8.96	8.27
6,000	Tr 8% 2021	98	+ [illegible]	8.08	8.19

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.24	
475	Treas 2½%	30 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.28	
359	Consols 4%	47 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.44	

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113 [illegible]	- [illegible]	1.21	2.80
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.09	3.54
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.25	3.67
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115		2.31	3.69
2,100	Treas IL 2% 2006	183 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.41	3.70
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.51	3.75
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.56	3.77
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140		3.60	3.79
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.64	3.82
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.68	3.84
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.68	3.82
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.68	3.82

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: BAA (Q1), Fidelity European Values, ISA International, Ivory & Sime Isis Trust, Kode International, Moorepay Group, Porvair, Regal Hotel Group. **Finals:** Coral Products, Ewart, TR Smaller Companies Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: UK June final M4, UK June consumer lending, UK Q2 major banking groups lending analysis, US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills, US Treasury announces Q4 borrowing needs.

TOMORROW

Interims: Capita Group, Fairway Group, Law Debenture Corp, National Westminster, St Andrew Trust, Serif. **Finals:** Oryx International Growth Fund.
Economic statistics: Monthly monetary meeting of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, US Q2 employment cost index, US July consumer confidence, US June new home sales.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: BAT Industries (Q2), Baring Tribune, Birmingham Midshires, Brewin Dolphin Holdings, Capita Group, Cowie Group, Fidelity Japanese Values, Glaxo Wellcome, Guardian Royal Exchange, Rosebys. **Finals:** J J Dyson, Precoat International, Sims Food Group.
Economic statistics: US Chicago purchasing managers' index, Bundesbank fixes repo rate.

THURSDAY

Interims: Allied Irish Banks, Greenfriar Investment Company, Green Property, Huntingdon International Holdings, Lasmo, Rotork, Shell (Q2), TI Group. **Finals:** Abbey, Black Arrow Group, Misys.
Economic statistics: US Q2 GDP, US weekly jobless claims, US July NAPM survey, US construction spending, US July vehicle sales, US Conference Board June helpwanted index, Bank of France monetary policy council meeting.

FRIDAY

Interims: Anglo & Overseas Trust. **Finals:** International Tool & Supply.
Economic statistics: UK balance of payments pink book, UK national accounts blue book, UK July official reserves, US July non-farm payrolls, US June personal income and expenditure, US June factory orders, US July Michigan consumer sentiment.

COMPANIES KAREN ZAGOR

Glaxo in need of a pick-me-up

GLAXO WELLCOME: The recent fortunes of the drug-maker, whose chief executive is Sir Richard Sykes, have left the market unsure whether to laugh or cry. Shares have been buoyed by the recent Aids conference in Vancouver, hailing the unexpected effectiveness of the company's anti-HIV drug but share prices were battered by last week's confirmation that Novopharm, the Canadian generic drug-maker, was pressing ahead with its plans to launch a generic version of Zantac, Glaxo's ulcer drug. Zantac, which loses its US patent next July, has been Glaxo's main money-spinner.

Analysts will be looking closely at the company's mid-year results on Wednesday for evidence that its newer drugs will be able to compensate for the loss of Zantac's patent. NatWest Securities is looking for pre-tax profits of £1.39 billion, with earnings per share of 26.6p and a net dividend of 15p. UBS expects pre-tax profits of £1.45 billion, with earnings per share of 27.7p. A year earlier the company posted profits of £1.15 billion, earnings per share of 23.4p and a dividend of 15p.

SHELL: Shares in Shell Transport & Trading, the oil company, have been flirting with record highs lately. Brokers will be looking for justification when it reveals its second-quarter results on Thursday. Information on cost-cutting will be of particular interest, as will any indications about any plans by the cash-rich company to improve returns. There has been talk of special dividends and share buybacks.

Shell's upstream operations should show the benefits of improved oil and US gas prices. But the chemicals performance may be more problematic; the company is retreating from speciality chemicals but is suffering weak returns from the core commodity products. Brokers expect three-month net income of £1.256 billion (£1.15 billion) on a normalised basis, with projected earnings per share of 13.7p (12.5p).

BAT INDUSTRIES: The growing antipathy towards cigarette smoking in the US and Western Europe has not affected developing countries, where BAT's cigarette sales are growing. The company's recent reorganisation of its financial services business, which brings in about half of BAT's profits, was applauded by analysts.

News that the company, which reports interim results on Wednesday, has rid itself of its minor US brands should remove the final impediment to its acquisition of American Tobacco. A healthy contribution is also expected from Allied Dunbar. On the negative side, Eagle Star's general business will be hurt by malaise in the UK general insurance sector. Analysts expect normalised pre-tax profits of about £1.21 billion (£1.187 billion) and earnings of 23.8p a share, up from 23.3p.

NATWEST: The bank reporting season will continue on Tuesday, when NatWest posts its half-year figures. Analysts are hoping the bank will take a break from its recent stream of acquisitions and divestments, which have muddied the balance sheet. These include the £690 million loss from the disposal of the company's US arm, NatWest Bancorp, estimated gains of over £200 million from the disposal of shares in 3i, and a £250 million provision linked to the UK restructuring programme.

Salomon Brothers is looking for interim pre-tax profits of £225 million. However, at the earnings per share level, a loss of 2.3p is forecast, reflecting adverse taxes linked to non-recurring items.

Provided that the second half is more normal, full-year pre-tax profits are projected at £1.13 billion, with earnings per share of 31.3p.

BAA: It is unlikely that anything that BAA, the airports group, delivers today with its first-quarter results will generate as much excitement as the recent regulatory review. Instead of advocating the break-up of BAA's monopoly of London airports, the Civil Aviation Authority came out with a reasonable pricing formula that should not cripple the company. For the first three months, analysts expect BAA to have achieved pre-tax profits of £130 million (£127 million).

TI GROUP: In the tenth year of Sir Christopher Lewinton's reign at the engineering group, brokers expect continued strength, in spite of the sale of three non-core engineering businesses in January. Normalised interim pre-tax profits, out on Thursday, are expected to rise about 13 per cent to £98.5 million (£87.4 million).

GRE: Attention will focus on the insurer's life operations when Guardian Royal Exchange unveils mid-year results on Wednesday. GRE, widely seen as a takeover or merger candidate, has been growing through acquisition. Although the overall strategy may be sound, there is some concern that Guardian paid too much for RAC's broking business and Legal & General's commercial general insurance business. Forecasts of pre-tax profits, which will be distorted by one-off items, range from £117 million to £131 million. Warburg is looking for operating pre-tax profits of £120 million and a 3.35p dividend.

COWIE GROUP: Intrigue surrounding British Bus, which Cowie plans to acquire for £282 million, is likely to overshadow the company's interim results on Wednesday. The founder and chairman of British Bus was recently charged with corruption. Brokers expect pre-tax normalised profits of £31.3 million, with earnings per share of 14.2p and a net dividend of 3.4p against profits of £27.1 million, earnings of 12.3p and a dividend of 3.1p a year earlier.

Sir Richard Sykes hopes new drugs will prove a tonic after the loss of Zantac's US patent

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clarke likely to hold rates

Economists will focus this week on the monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. The chances of a further quarter-point rate cut have increased after last week's poor GDP figures. But with evidence from other data that consumer spending is accelerating, most economists expect Mr Clarke to wait and consider the inflation outlook in the autumn before making any further rate cuts.

The Chancellor will be able to gauge scattered evidence of consumer behaviour this week. On Monday, consumer credit figures for June are published. MMS expects recent strong growth to continue, rising to £700 million from £684 million in May. There should be continuing evidence of a recovery in the housing market when the Halifax price index is published on Friday. UBS expects house prices to show an annual rise of 5 per cent for July.

UBS also expects the manufacturing sector to show some signs of improvement when the purchasing managers index is released on Thursday. The PMI is predicted to rise to just 51.5 per cent in July from 50.9 per cent in June as recent job losses and destocking contain the improvement. On Friday, the official reserves are predicted to show a fall of $100 million compared with $119 million in June.

The market will also be keeping an eye on a busy week of statistics in the US after recent Wall Street falls. Thursday's second-quarter real GDP figures are expected to show a strong 3.8 per cent rise compared with 2.2 per cent last quarter. But the employment-related data for June, published on Friday, is predicted to show slower growth. Non-farm payrolls should show a small drop from 239,000 to 220,000 with unemployment staying flat at 5.3 per cent. Hourly earnings are also expected to grow less strongly at 0.2 per cent compared with 0.8 per cent in May.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** East Midlands Electricity. *The Observer:* **Buy** BTR, Glaxo Wellcome, Safeway. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Marks & Spencer, Mirror Group. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** Glaxo Wellcome, HSBC. *The Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** Epic Multimedia, Royal Doulton; **Avoid** BOC. *Sunday Express:* **Buy** Reuters, Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV; **Take profits** Body Shop; **Hold** Chiroscience; **Sell** Virtuality.

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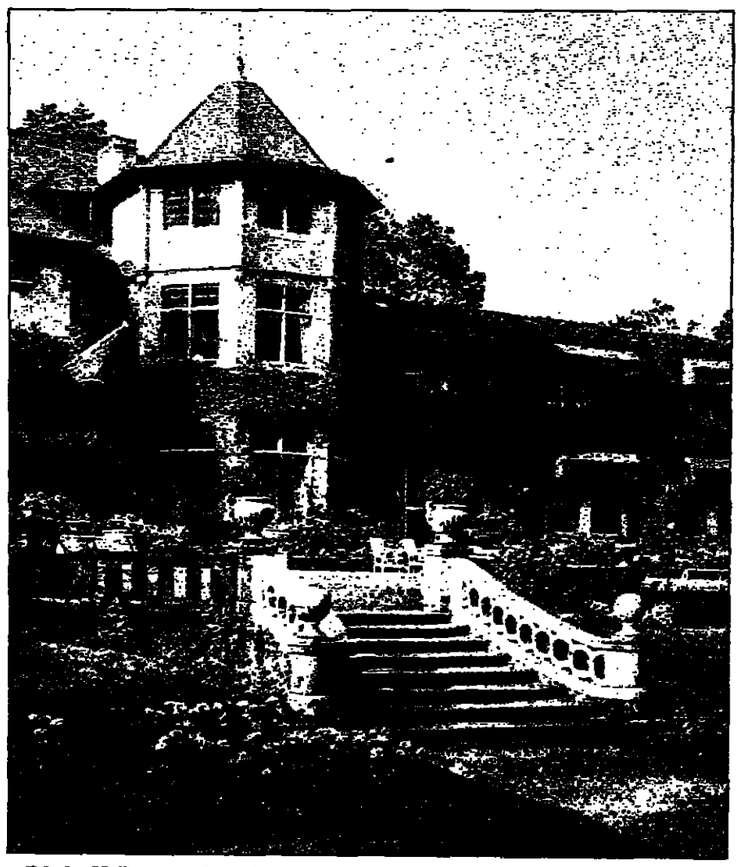
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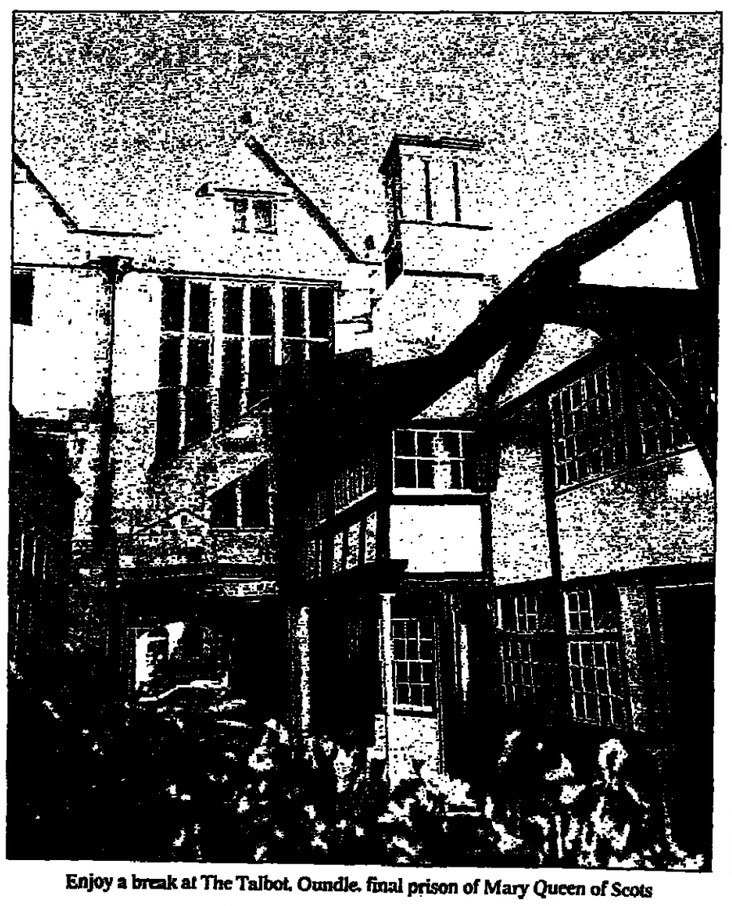
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Alfriston	The Star Inn#	£175	£87.50
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Chichester	The Dolphin & Anchor#	£180	£90
Dorking+	White Horse*	£156	£78
Farnham	The Bush Hotel*	£100	£50
Romsey	The White Horse*	£180	£90
Sherborne+	The Sherborne Hotel#	£99	£49.50
Southampton+	Polygon	£110	£55
Staines	The Thames Lodge	£120	£60
WEST COUNTRY			
Dartmouth	The Dart Marina#	£226	£113
Salisbury	The White Hart	£204	£102
Yeovil+	The Manor*	£138	£69
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Ascot	The Berystede*	£240	£120
Banbury	Whately Hall#	£156	£78
Cheltenham	Queen's Hotel	£180	£90
Forest of Dean	The Speech House#	£190	£95
Marlow	The Compleat Angler	£320	£160
Oxford	Eastgate Hotel	£220	£110
Oxford	Randolph	£260	£130
Windsor	The Castle Hotel*	£280	£140
Woodstock	The Bear Hotel#	£230	£115
HEART OF ENGLAND			
Brandon	The Brandon Hall	£120	£60
Coventry+	The Coventry Hill	£130	£65
Dovedale (Ashbourne)	Peveril of the Peak	£180	£90
Hereford	The Green Dragon*	£110	£55
Lincoln	The White Hart	£200	£100
Matlock	The New Bath Hotel	£170	£85
Oundle	The Talbot	£150	£75
Ross-on-Wye	The Royal#	£140	£70
Rothley (Leicestershire)	Rothley Court	£180	£90
Southwell	The Saracen's Head	£120	£60
EAST OF ENGLAND			
Bury St Edmunds+	The Suffolk	£130	£65
Hertingfordbury (Herts)	The White Horse*	£180	£90
Ipswich+	The Constable Country	£116	£58
Lavenham	The Swan#	£240	£120
Long Melford	The Bull#	£170	£85
Luton+	The Gateway	£120	£60
Thetford	The Bell	£150	£75
LAKE DISTRICT			
Grasmere	The Swan#	£220	£110
Windermere	The Old England#	£220	£110
NORTH OF ENGLAND			
Blackpool	Imperial	£218	£109
Bolton (Manchester)+	The Beaumont Hotel	£90	£45
Leeds	Queen's*	£184	£92
Liverpool+	The Gladstone	£119	£59.50
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MoD back in firing line over sale of land

By Marianne Curphey and Jason Nissé

PRIVATISATION of Ministry of Defence married quarters has run into further trouble after a Labour allegation that the MoD is not free to sell the land. The MoD confirmed yesterday that seven sites included in the £1.6 billion sale were originally requisitioned from landlords in the 1930s and 1940s but declined to say where they were.

Final bids for the sale, which is being handled by NatWest Markets, are to be submitted on Wednesday.

David Clarke, Shadow Defence Secretary, has called for the sale to be halted until the original owners are found and contacted, which could take many months. He has written to John Major asking him to withdraw these and any other sites governed by the "Crichel Down" rules, which give former owners of requisitioned land first refusal if the property becomes surplus to requirements.

He said: "The Government should advertise and make the public aware that these sites are going to be sold off. Clearly the Government is prepared to break the law and rob people of their inheritance."

However, sources close to the sale said lawyers were aware of the status of some plots and had taken it into account when, preparing the privatisation. "We do not believe this will hold things up," one said. "The original owners will be given the right to purchase the property should it become surplus to the MoD's requirements. Whoever buys the entire site is aware of this and will be compensated for it."

An MoD spokeswoman said: "MoD has had the Crichel Down rules in mind throughout the preparations. Only seven such sites have been identified. Special arrangements will apply to those sites. The overall sale is in no way affected."

A consortium led by Nomura International, the Japanese investment bank, is expected to put in the strongest of the final bids for the houses. Nomura is bidding in conjuntion with Amec, the UK construction group, and is believed to have put in the best structured deal when the original 19 bidders put in offers to NatWest Markets.

Four other bidders have been shortlisted — Beckwith Capital Partners, ING Barings, the Dutch bank, and a joint offer from British Land, the property developer, and Morgan Stanley, the US banker.

However, almost all of the bids have raised concerns about their suitability to take over the 57,000-strong estate of homes rented out to families of service personnel.

The Nomura bid had been criticised by right wing Conservative MPs and service wives because of the "Tenko factor", the effect on service morale of a Japanese company owning the homes of service families given the treatment of British prisoners of war during the Second World War.

The Beckwith bid has hit controversy because of the revelations that John Beckwith, the former property developer who is leading the bid, is also chairman of the Premier Club, an exclusive fundraising group for the Conservative Party.

JESSOP GROUP, the Leicester specialist photographic retailer, will open more sites after a buyout set up by Stephen Craik, front, and Andrew Hall, far right, of KPMG Leicester. Paul Isaacs, top left, and Martin Draper, top right, of NatWest Ventures, the new outside shareholder, brought in Tim Brookes, centre, as the new executive chairman.

HK Telecom fails in bid

HONGKONG TELECOM, which is 58 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, has expressed disappointment that its bid for a new mobile phone licence in the colony has been snubbed (Marianne Curphey writes).

Failure to win one of the six contracts on offer is a severe blow for C&W. There is speculation that the cool relations between Britain and China ahead of the colony's handover might be hampering British companies.

Lucas merger fees at £29m

By Jason Nissé

THE £3.2 billion merger of Lucas Industries with Varity, the American group, is to cost £29 million in professional fees. The largest beneficiaries are expected to be Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, and Lazard Brothers, the City merchant bank.

In addition, more than £5 million is due in VAT payments on the deal and there will be underwriting fees on the share issue for the combined LucasVarity group, which will take place in September. These could add £30 million to the bill taking the deal's total cost to more than £60 million.

The figure for professional fees is disclosed in listing particulars of LucasVarity. These say that "costs and expenses of, and incidental to, the merger, including accountancy fees and legal fees ... and the fees and expenses of Goldman Sachs and Lazard Brothers, are estimated to amount to approximately £29 million (exclusive of VAT)".

A Lucas spokeswoman said that this covered expenses on both sides of the Atlantic and was split roughly 50/50 between the UK and the US.

If either company breaks off the deal, it must pay the other $25 million (£16.5 million).

Contracts of senior executives of Varity could lead to payouts of more than £15 million if they are dismissed within three years of the merger.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Travel firm chief misses the boat

IN SPITE OF hours pouring over glossy holiday brochures, poor Francis Baron, chief executive of First Choice Holidays, keeps being deprived of a summer vacation. The father of three, who was brought in to relaunch the old Owners Abroad in February 1994, was so taken up in his new role that he missed the chance of a holiday. Then, in 1995, the industry faced one of the lowest periods in a long while, and Baron was tied to the helm. His hoped-for break this year depends on how well sales go.

Happy hundredth birthday Bertram Schofield. Mr Schofield took out his first household insurance policy with CU in 1922 and is still insured through his local direct insurance unit in Oxford. To celebrate, CU's branch manager presented him with a magnum of champagne and free household insurance for life.

Not just the job

JOB interviews are more crucial than ever, says Reed Personnel Services, the recruitment agency. In a survey, four out of five said interviews were the most important part of their recruitment process. "Unkempt appearance" and "inability to look you in the eye" were most likely to put someone off a candidate. Hays Accountancy Personnel says that over half of employees take a one-day holiday for an interview. Visiting the dentist is a popular excuse. Only one in five claimed to spend more than an hour preparing.

A Winter's tale

Clients at trend-setting City law form Biddle & Co's annual waterskiing day at Thorpe Park, Surrey, were treated to the usual corporate perks: a bouncy castle, face painting, and even a clown. The facilities were intended for 28 children present, although one or two Biddle partners seemed very taken with the bouncy castle. The big question was whether Martin Winter, Biddle's senior partner, would be able to ski down the championship lake while talking simultaneously on his two mobile phones. Winter skiied the course — but left the phones behind.

Morag Preston

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
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German mark
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Exchange index
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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Turbulence gives clue to missing link

THE BULL trading conditions that have nurtured the Alternative Investment Market since its inception have, say some analysts, left its relationship with the main market untested. But after the minor turbulence of the past three weeks, Laurence Marsh, an analyst with Winterflood Securities, thinks this link is becoming clearer. He says when the central exchange dips, AIM shares seem to take three to four days to be affected.

But if this dip corrects itself within four days, AIM is unaffected. Last week was a case in point. The FT-SE All Share index jumped 27.1 points during the week, closing just 8 points off at 1,827.38. The FT-SE AIM index fluctuated only 3.7 points during the week, finishing 2.4 points down at 1,049.10.

The issue to watch this week will be Hit Entertainment, a television programmes distributor. Introduced by Henderson Crosthwaite, the adviser's endorsement is as much of an advert as Hit's performance. So far, Henderson has given its AIM clients the midas touch, providing a healthy aftermarket and winning institutions' confidence.

The Exchange is reviewing its list of approved nominated advisers. The result is due in September.

Fraser Nelson

1996 High	1996 Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/–	Wkly %	Yld	P/E
136	132	13.30	AFA Systems	133	...	...	...	...
134	109	16.20	AMCO Corp	114	...	5.5	...	16.0
58	18	2.37	Abacus Recruit	43	– 2	...	...	...
161	115	25.20	Active Imaging	138	...	...	...	...
210	123	30.20	A de Gruchy	205		3.7	16.0	...
20¼	7¼	14.40	Aincan Gold	14	...	...	31.3	...
21½	13	6.24	Albemarale & Bd	16½	– 1	...	...	...
58	45	7.78	Allzyme	45	– 6	...	...	...
24	13	9.60	Alpha Omikron	13	– 1	...	...	...
480	380	46.00	Ann St Brewery	480	+ 10	4.8	12.9	...
975	885	5.78	Ann St Cv Pf	975	...	8.3	...	...
121	50	40.10	Antonov	55	– 1	...	...	...
9	8	1.89	Anton Props	8	...	...	...	...
81	36	41.50	Ashurst	48	...	...	...	...
141	68	21.70	Ask Central	135	+ 2	...	...	...
63	55	1.14	Athelney Trust	63	...	...	...	...
130	123	39.80	BATM Adv Comms	128	– 1	...	...	...
6½	5½	7.08	Ballymalray	5½	– ¾	...	40.4	...
26	17	5.65	Baris Hldgs	22	...	...	12.1	...
46	38	3.37	Belcanto	38	...	...	...	...
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	7.1	...
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...	...
70	41	7.81	Brancote Hdgs	45	– 3	...	...	...
503	240	56.10	Brockbank	468	...	2.0	...	...
124	116	12.50	CA Coutts Hldgs	118	...	...	11.1	...
128	116	1.02	CCI Hldgs	128	+ 10	...	7.0	...
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...	...
213	95	4.86	Cafe Inns	170	– 3	1.8	14.1	...
75	55	7.76	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9	...
3½	2	2.53	Capital & Wsln	2¾	...	...	...	...
96	68	11.30	Cardcast	70	...	0.9	15.2	...
41½	29	16.20	Card Clear	36	– 4	...	...	...
108	91	9.43	Carisbrke Ship	93	+ 2	...	8.1	...
72	58	3.17	Cassidy Bros	58	...	6.5	...	...
48	41	2.09	Cavendish W	48	...	3.9	23.1	...
19	16	6.30	Celebrated Group	19	...	1.8	...	...
£325	6550	71.00	Celtic	£255	...	...	...	...
£275	6450		Celtic Pf Shs	£205	...	...	...	...
124	109	15.90	Ct Comms(TV)	118	...	2.8	...	...
86	61	7.38	Chartwell Intl	65	...	...	...	...
100	53	101.50	Chelsea Village	85	– 1	...	...	...
185	173	19.00	Circle Comms	175	...	...	...	...
140	133	22.30	Cirqual	135	...	5.4	11.5	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	...	...
33	28	13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	...	...	...
510	500	12.00	Com de Prf Fin	500	...	...	...	...
19	15	8.94	Concurrent Tech	19	...	...	...	...
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	...	...	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	...	...	...
125	125	0.84	Conc Tech Rd Pf	125	...	...	...	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	...	...	...
44	37	8.80	Consler Tst	40	...	5.0	10.0	...
86	58	15.70	Country Gdns	85	...	2.0	16.4	...
83	68	2.49	Cntry Gdns Pf	68	...	9.8	...	...
109	57	24.10	Creos Intl	67	...	...	...	...
63	50	22.60	Crown Products	50	...	...	...	...
377	152	27.90	DBS Management	370	...	4.1	11.0	...
36	32		Dalkeith Inns	32	...	...	...	...
75	61	3.30	David Glass	61	...	10.2	8.3	...
1700	860	92.10	Dawson Hldgs	1650	– 25	2.4	14.5	...
17	11	5.17	Dean Corp	12	– 1	2.1	...	...
375	305	33.40	Dicom	325	...	...	75.0	...
85	78	12.50	Digital Anmtn	85	...	...	...	...
76	60	13.10	Dmatek	70	– 1	...	...	...
4	4	3.07	Drings of Bath	4	...	...	...	...
137	53	7.56	Easynet	53	– 12	...	...	...
153	148	31.10	Elec Retail Sys	148	...	...	...	...
200	85	65.20	Electrophoretics	100	...	...	...	...
116	61	21.00	Epic Multimedia	90	+ 19	...	...	...
125	120	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...	...
475	325		Fairlake	445	...	...	...	...
53	41	2.68	Fayrewood	51	– 2	...	...	...
138	106	39.40	Fibernet	106	– 9	...	...	...
65	58	2.90	Fieldens	58	...	...	...	...
260	75	5.77	Fini Publs	245	...	...	...	...
188	45	16.50	Firecrest	70	+ 8	...	29.9	...
183	172	34.90	First Inf	172	– 1	...	...	...
245	188	5.76	Flomerics	225	...	1.4	...	...
343	253	7.85	Floral St	298	+ 10	0.4	13.5	...
193	136	16.70	Formscan	158	+ 10	1.6	20.6	...
35½	14	123.00	Freepages	33½	+ 2	...	...	...
143	93	8.10	Furlong Homes	135	– 1	2.3	11.9	...
11	8¼	32.00	Gander Hdgs	11	...	...	79.3	...
21	16	24.60	Gold Mines Sard	19	...	...	...	...
12	8	5.36	Gold Mines Sard Wts	10	– 1	...	...	...
22	10	3.30	Greenhills	11	– 1	...	...	...
150	145	33.40	Guiton	148	...	3.4	...	...
41	18	1.83	Hansom	18	...	...	...	...
68	53	2.52	Hat Pin	57	– 5	6.0	10.5	...
65	50	1.40	Hercules Prop	55	...	...	...	...
275	155	6.37	Heavitree	275	...	2.6	17.0	...
255	180	10.70	Heavitree A	245	...	2.9	15.1	...
138	120	61.70	Hiscox	130	...	2.4	...	...
80	65	0.82	Hurlingham	70	...	...	...	...
297	195	31.20	IES	205	...	0.4	...	...
280	180	3.82	IES Warrants	185	– 5	...	...	...
96	65	19.40	Ind Brit Hitherset	76	– 2	...	...	...
134	105	12.90	Indpt Radio	129	– 1	...	...	...
88	63	11.40	Inner Workings	68	...	...	...	...
88	71	17.00	Intelligent Env	76	+ 1	...	...	...
548	503	23.00	Intl Greetings	548	+ 10	3.4	...	...
160	108	34.50	IOC Intl	141	+ 5	...	...	...
103	83	3.71	Jasmin	91	...	...	...	...
320	280	21.40	Jennings Bros	290	– 5	2.7	20.8	...
5½	3½	5.70	Just Group	4¼	...	...	...	...
3	2	0.36	Just Group Wrts	2	...	...	...	...
125	93	40.40	KS Biomedix	96	+ 3	...	...	...
160	145	48.60	La Senza	145	– 1	...	...	...
180	137	28.80	Lancashire En	158	+ 3	3.2	14.3	...
300	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	...	0.8	...	...
3750	2550	60.70	Lawrie Group	3250	–300	2.7	13.7	...
290	255	46.90	Le Riches Shs	283	...	7.1	...	...
15¹	12	0.75	Life Numbers	15	...	...	...	...
6	2	0.19	Life Numbrs Wts	6	+ 1	...	...	...
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...	...
6¾	2	66.30	Lon Fiduciary	4½	...	...	...	...
70	55	1.38	London Town	55	...	...	...	...
360	200	15.70	Lonen Grp	275	– 5	1.7	21.9	...
4¼	4	7.35	Lotteryking	4¼	...	...	...	...
1½	1	0.26	Lotteryking Wts	1½	...	...	...	...
25	15	11.30	Manx & O'seas	19	...	2.1	25.7	...
135	90	10.90	Marine & Merc S	90	...	...	...	...
125	110	2.51	Matrix Hithcare	110	...	...	...	...
117	92	42.40	Megalomedia	92	– 2	...	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	84	...	...	...	...
113	86	7.32	Meltek	105	– 1	3.0	15.0	...
475	45	33.30	Memory Corp	55	– 5	...	...	...
22	18	4.66	Metrodome Films	19	+ 1	...	...	...
235	156	15.60	Moorepay	205	+ 10	2.9	...	...
200	67½	7.19	Mountcashel	95	...	...	19.8	...
203	148	29.90	Mulberry Group	151	...	...	...	...
89	53	17.00	MultiMedia	59	...	...	...	...
19	18	1.32	NECA	18	...	...	...	...
340	285	21.70	NWF Grp	288	...	2.9	13.9	...
210	175	13.70	Nash (Wrm)	195	...	4.3	8.4	...
360	330	8.72	Neill Clerk	340	– 10	3.0	...	...
470	200	11.40	Neilson Cobbold	415	...	1.7	20.7	...
96	65		Norcity II	96	+ 3	...	...	...
73	63		Nexhomes	68	...	...	34.0	...
76	53	6.07	Nthn Patim	53	...	...	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Patim Wrts	8	...	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Pnps	56	...	...	...	...
116	111	17.50	Nursing Home	113	– 2	1.3	32.1	...
147	85¾	18.10	Old English Pub	118	– 6	1.1	51.5	...
136	84	12.80	Omnicare	108	– 2	0.6	...	...
75	43	12.60	Omnimedia	51	...	...	...	...
123	66	25.10	Optical Care	108	– 5	...	...	...
3¼	1	28.40	Pacific Media	2¼	– ½	...	...	...
263	43		Pacific Med Pf	235	...	...	...	...
109	17¼	37.50	Pan Andean Res	91	+ 5	...	...	...
208	180	4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	3.1	...	...
445	360	88.60	Pet City	365	+ 5	...	...	...
184	107	24.40	Polymasc Pharms	122	– 5	...	...	...
4	3½	8.74	Pordum Foods	4	+ ¼	...	...	...
2	1½	0.38	Pordum Fds Wts	1¾	...	...	...	...
565	400	6.77	Preston Nth E	525	...	...	...	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...	...
305	180	34.50	Prism Rail	265	...	...	...	...
67	32	5.66	Raphael Zm	63	...	2.5	39.5	...
140	43	8.41	Rellec	122	– 3	...	...	...
6	4¾	1.61	Revelation Plc	5½	...	...	0.6	...
18	16	11.20	Riceman Insce	17	...	...	...	...
98	63	4.03	Romtec	78	– 8	...	...	...
4½	3¼	3.15	Rushmere Wynne	3½	...	...	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	...	...	...	...
126	31	3.19	SCS Satellite	31	...	...	...	...
75	68	15.40	SEA Multimedia	68	...	...	...	...
31	20	1.95	Scotswood Inds	28	...	4.5	26.5	...
39	23	4.66	Scott Picklord	37	...	3.0	14.3	...
68	28	13.50	Scott Pride	43	...	...	...	...
320	270	14.60	Scruttons	305	...	5.3	...	...
70	70	13.70	Selector	70	...	...	...	...
60	30	2.04	Self Sealing	35	– 3	...	...	...
3	2		Silkbeam	2	...	...	...	...
174	164	20.90	Sinclair Montrs	172	– 2	...	...	...
5	3½	8.24	Sira Bus Serv	4	– ½	...	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	...	...	...	...
91	83	5.19	Solid State Sp	83	...	...	...	...
595	524	127.70	Southern News	530	+ 5	3.8	13.9	...
68	50		Southern Vactis	68	...	...	...	...
289	225	31.70	Stafware	274	+ 2	...	...	...
615	255	67.10	Stanford Rook	348	– 35	...	...	...
191	75	12.70	Stanlor	180	+ 10	...	...	...
315	122	28.10	Surrey Fr Inns	265	– 2	0.9	31.2	...
136	73	10.60	Syst Integ Rsch	79	– 11	...	...	...
915	415	27.30	TRACKER Netwk	515	+ 60	...	...	...
185	125	29.10	Tradepoint Fcl	135	+ 5	...	...	...
55	38	5.77	Tele Cred Eur	51	...	...	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	38	...	...	...	...
138	91	14.70	Theo Fennell	91	– 2	...	...	...
116	73	15.60	Toad	93	+ 18	...	...	...
56	43	3.25	Tom Hoskins	53	...	...	...	...
180	160	4.88	Trinity Care	160	– 5	3.8	9.7	...
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	...	...
75	46	347.90	Trocadero	70	– 3	...	...	...
177	143	24.60	UNO	176	...	...	40.9	...
42	40	3.65	Univent	40	– 2	...	18.4	...
458	373	6.82	Utd Auctions	383	+ 5	1.3	...	...
201¼	147¼	20.20	VOC	195	+ 5	3.0	14.2	...
18½	13½	45.20	Versailles Grp	18½	...	1.3	19.5	...
650	130	10.10	Viewinn	335	– 30	...	...	...
428	232	8.05	Voss	300	...	...	...	...
17	13	3.21	Walermark	17	...	...	...	...
15	7		Wedderburn Secs	10	...	...	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...	...
19	13	7.35	Western Selectn	14	...	...	51.6	...
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...	...
31	26	2.95	Westmount Engy	28	...	...	45.3	...
95	90	3.71	Whitecress	90	...	...	...	...
163	143	22.70	Whittard Chelsea	143	– 7	...	...	...
75	46	6.42	W'chester M Md	58	...	...	...	...
145	100		Wynnstay Props	120	+ 20	4.7	16.9	...
12	11	5.75	Xavier Comp	11	...	...	...	...
300	170	21.20	Zergo	230	– 30	...	...	...

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.07	1.91
Austria Sch	17.19	15.69
Belgium Fr	50.43	46.13
Canada $	2.249	2.069
Cyprus CypE	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.45	8.65
Finland Mkk	7.55	6.90
France Fr	8.22	7.57
Germany Dm	2.46	2.25
Greece Dr	382	357
Hong Kong $	12.69	11.69
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.32	4.87
Italy Lira	2474	2318
Japan Yen	182.90	168.90
Malta	0.595	0.540
Netherlds Gld	2.738	2.508
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.45	9.65
Portugal Esc	248.00	229.50
S Africa Rd	7.54	6.74
Spain Pta	202.50	189.50
Sweden Kr	10.84	10.04
Switzerland Fr	2.01	1.83
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
USA $	1.655	1.525

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WORD-WATCHING

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XENOCRATIC
(c) Pertaining to the doctrine of Xenocrates (396-314 BC), a disciple of Plato, noted for his continence and contempt of wealth. He combined Pythagoreanism with Platonism. Even the tart Lais failed to tempt him into bed.

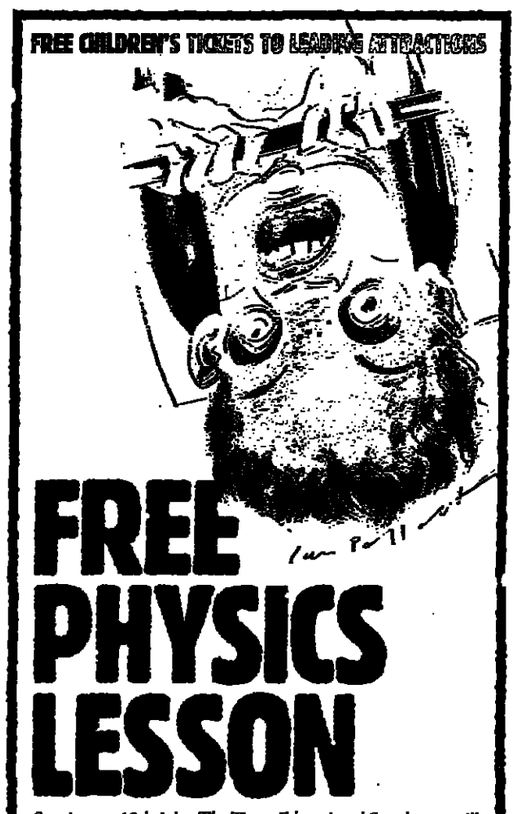
WIDDERSHINS
(c) Or *withershins*. Old English *wither* against + *sith* a journey. An old English word, still in use in Scotland and north country dialects, denoting a movement in a contrary direction to that of the Sun, ie anticlockwise. Witches and warlocks were supposed to approach the devil widdershins. The opposite of *widdershins* is *deasil* (Gaelic *deiseil*), meaning clockwise or righthandwise.

BRITOMART
(c) In Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, a female knight, daughter of King Ryence of Wales. Spenser got the name, which means "sweet maiden", from Britomartis, a Cretan nymph of Greek mythology, who was very fond of hunting. King Minos fell in love with her, and persisted in his advances for nine months, after which she threw herself into the sea.

EULALIA
(b) Eulalon (the "sweetly-spoken") is one of the names of Apollo. There are two 4th-century virgin martyrs called Eulalia, both presumed to have been put to death under Diocletian in 304.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Ng1! And the white rook is curiously trapped as 2 Rxg1 Qf3+ 3 Kd2 Qe2 is mate

FREE CHILDREN'S TICKETS TO LEADING ATTRACTIONS

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Textbook regulators need to make us feel better

Britain's utility regulators will be busy this autumn. Ofgas will have to justify itself before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. So might Oftel. Ofgas and Offer, the power regulator, face a hostile Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee. By Christmas, Ofwat will join the others before the Public Accounts Committee.

The PAC's review should be the most fundamental. Last week, the National Audit Office supplied it with 350 pages of data to help to compare regulators' skills and posed a list of basic questions. These challenge the principles laid down when Stephen Littlechild, now of Offer, invented the RPI-X price control formula, and the practices that have grown up since BT was privatised in 1984.

Some issues are straightforward. Ofwat offers the best model for procedure. And few will dispute, rightly or wrongly, that competition should be encouraged. Other issues are trickier, such as the roles of regulator and regulated in changing to a competitive market.

Oftel's gradualism helped consumers. Ofgas just imposed a new regime on British Gas, with dreadful consequences for customer service. Yet a regulator is not the best person to manage big technical and organisational changes, as electricity companies want Professor Littlechild to do. Lessons must be learnt from the gas fiasco if power consumers are not to be just as fed up come 1998. The sad case of British Gas, until recently offering customers ever lower prices and ever better service, shows the real paradox of regulation. Water charges aside, consumers have had a great deal from regulated private utilities, unrecognisably better than under state control. But people feel as bad about utilities as the economy. That is a triumph for Labour, which has pilloried them as a surrogate, being no longer allowed to attack the rest of the private sector. But the feel-bad factor is also due to regulation itself.

Any reform should be guided by one overriding principle: the purpose of regulation is to make people more satisfied. Control of prices, ensuring funds for investment, setting standards of service and enforcing changes in market structure, are only means to that end. They can conflict with it, as bans on new BT services have. A regulator whose actions cause customers to have more complaints, as Ofgas has done, is simply doing a bad job. Too

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narrow a focus on consumers is also counter-productive. While 25 million of us are customers, a third as many are part owners of utilities.

Reform should first end the staged confrontation between a single regulator and a single company, as at Oftel and Ofgas. These should be merged into broader energy and communications offices. They might be folded into a single utility regulator, or have some or all of their functions subsumed under the Office of Fair Trading. Isolated regulators might welcome the support of a board, or an OFT adviser. Such changes would also help monopoly regulators to adjust to their own success in creating competitive markets, as Oftel is now trying to do. Control need then be no more heavy-handed than the OFT's supervision of key markets. The OFT itself needs a law making anti-competitive behaviour a civil offence. There is no case for special Oftel powers aimed at BT and its 2.3 million investors.

Even with competition, there will still be a big monopoly to regulate: National Grid, regional electricity networks or TransCo gas pipes. These are businesses, not state services to be contracted out at the lowest possible price. The best framework is still the Littlechild formula: a stable price cap to protect consumers and give companies a profit incentive to be efficient. But changes are needed here too. Efficiency gains could be shared with consumers sooner, rather than later.

Consumer satisfaction should always be the priority. If prices are rising, as in water, regulators need to be active and control them strictly. Ofwat could have kept rises lower if it had given more weight to investors' willingness to accept much higher debt. Closer attention to financial markets would have saved Offer much embarrassment. It works both ways. It is a disaster to make share and credit ratings crash, as Ofgas has managed to do. A rise in the cost of capital must eventually hit consumers via prices, maintenance or lower investment.

Where relative prices are falling, as in most cases, heavy pressure on costs and profits is not needed. Adopting the feel-bad test, watchdogs should instead ask why so many customers do not believe it. The blame lies with the RPI-X formula, which passes general inflation on to consumers. That was inevitable when inflation was high. In a low-inflation era, why should consumers take the inflation risk? Confusing RPI-X price limits do not offer consumers stable prices or certainty over bills, even if X, the efficiency factor, turns out to be bigger than the rate of inflation.

Companies such as TransCo, BT and National Grid, which can manage their own costs, could offer a five-year guarantee that none of their money prices will rise, as an alternative to an RPI-X limit. They might even offer a small annual fall. If they did, regulators should accept with alacrity on customers' behalf.

From America, **Irwin Stelzer** offers ideas to help to restore faith in executive pay

Fat cats must learn to play fair

Whether the term "fat cats" originated in Britain or in America we shall never know. But we do know that the problem, or problems, encapsulated in that term exist in both market economies.

The problem begins with downsizing — the laying off of staff to create lean and mean companies capable of competing in an increasingly globalised marketplace. That lay-offs produce grumbling by those affected and sympathy pains by colleagues and neighbours not directly affected, but fearful of being the next for the chop, is nothing new.

What is new is that the downsizings have often been accompanied by the award of large bonuses to the job-killing chief executive officer. More precisely, because the until-recently booming stock market made share options so valuable, many executives followed speeches extolling the virtues of pay restraint by cashing in their options, inflating their compensation packages to levels that seem ludicrous even to sophisticated observers.

In America, for example, the CEO of AT&T announced the lay-off of 40,000 workers, and at almost the same time cashed in options worth tens of millions of dollars. These simultaneous actions inevitably led to charges that the staff executions were motivated by a desire to swell short-term profits so that an approving Wall Street would drive up the price of AT&T shares, and with it the value of the options.

The perceived relationship between firing staff and bigger bonuses has prompted protests about fat cats' pay

More generally, critics feel that the AT&T experience lends renewed force to their argument that the more workers the boss fires; the more niggardly he is in granting wage increases; the more reluctant he is to acknowledge his responsibilities to all the company's "stakeholders"; the greater will be his compensation. Add to that the idea that the widening in the gap between earnings of those at the top and those at the bottom of the income heap is somehow due to the propensity of the fat cats to lap up all the cream, leaving lowly workers to subsist on a diet of skimmed milk, and you have a potent anticorporate brew bordering on anti-market-capitalism.

Executives on both sides of the ocean tend to view these criticisms as unjust. After all, they argue, their compensation packages are set by impartial boards trying to cope with hotted-up international competition for talented executives. Alas, no one is listening — and with reason. For there is a flaw in the way corporations are governed, a flaw that opens the system of executive compensation-setting to abuse so great that even complete compliance with the Greenbury recommendations may be inadequate to restore credibility to the pronouncements emanating from corporate boardrooms.

The corporate form exists so that businesses can gather into one enterprise the capital of thousands, sometimes millions, of investors. This makes possible large-scale investment, long-term commitment to expensive research and development, reduction of risk through diversification across industry and national lines — in short, all of the features of modern capitalism.

But such organisation of industry necessarily requires the separation of ownership from operational control of the modern corporation. The myriad shareholders cannot run the corporation, and so cede that chore to managers and directors, who decide which plants to build and which to close, when to hire and when to fire, how much of the corporation's earnings should be paid out to its investor-owners and how much should be reinvested in the business. And how much to allocate to executive compensation.

Because compensation has soared at a time when there is a widely held perception that workers are not doing as well as they should, a new and heavier burden must be borne by those who would justify the rising levels of executive compensation that seem to be the result of downsizing, restraints on wages, and an unwillingness to take on social responsibilities that government can no longer bear.

Defence of the current system of determining executive compensation is made difficult by some corporate governance practices to which executives cling. In many cases such compensation is set by board members who are themselves CEOs of other companies, who are often selected by the executives whose salaries they are to determine, and who are treated by those executives to a variety of "perks", ranging from use of the corporate jet to special pensions. When these board members convene to decide just how much to pay the company's chief executive officer, it is not seen by outsiders as a meeting of hard-nosed performance appraisers, a circumstance that the distinction between executive and non-executive directors cannot change.

When the board is assisted in its deliberations by compensation consultants, who are looking to the CEO for other fee-rich assignments, the problem is compounded. And when corporate executives resist efforts to make them reveal the estimated value of options they receive, and refuse to charge the present value of that sum against current earnings, suspicions understandably mount that this may not be the most honest game in town. Add to that the ludicrous notion that no board can dare to pay its chief executive less than the average earned by similarly situated corporate officers, and it becomes clear why, in the case of executive pay, a rising tide does indeed raise all yachts.

There is no single, and probably no complete solution to the problem of developing procedures that will restore a modicum of faith in the fairness with which large corporations are governed. But a few simple steps might be taken.

In the case of regulated companies, organisations blessed with monopoly power or, at minimum, dominant market positions conferred in the past by government, regulators will at times have to insert themselves into the process in order to protect captive consumers from having to bear the cost of excessive executive self-esteem.

In all other cases, the first rule should be full disclosure of all executive compensation, including the estimated value of options, the value of special healthcare benefits denied to the general workforce, and any other perks that executives get. Corporations both here and in America have come a long way in this regard; they should now complete the job.

Second, the present value of the entire compensation bundle should be charged against current income, something the business community, at least in America, has resisted, on the dubious ground that investors would decline to make funds available to high-tech companies if they were fully aware how large a portion of potential earnings had been committed to stock options and the like to attract executive talent. Where ignorance is bliss, goes this theory, it is folly to inform.

Third, shareholders should be given greater power. They do, after all, own the business. It seems reasonable, for example, that executives should be prevented from using corporate resources to support an incumbent board member who is challenged in an election.

Finally, corporate executives might confront their critics with hard answers, rather than snorts of disgust. Respectable academic studies, many by professors with impeccable credentials, suggest that variations in firms' performance explain no more than 10 per cent of the variation in executive compensation; that there is a direct correlation between what directors decide to pay CEOs and what those same CEOs decide to pay directors; that profits rose as much in firms that did not give bonuses tied to stock prices as in those that did.

Are these studies unanswerable? If so, the silence of corporate America is golden and the unconvincing response of corporate Britain is understandable. If not, a bit of hard thinking and clear presentation might help to set the record straight.

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Little to stop the momentum

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In the four months from late February until late June, when the world's bonds were mainly losing value, most equities were chalking up significant gains. In the last few weeks, the trends have been reversed. If there were an aggregate index that combined equities and bonds, with income re-invested, its behaviour over the spell as a whole would have been much more stable than its principal components. At a guess, it would have risen moderately in the pre-June period and since.

The picture of world financial markets having been almost trendlessly stable is not easy to reconcile with the extreme volatility on a day-to-day basis in particular securities. While price action at the individual level has indeed been frenetic, the rise in one has been offset by a fall in another. When we calculate averages across industries, countries and classes of security, the erratic behaviour all but disappears.

Frenzied micro-*volatility* set in a sedate macro-*stability* may be the consequence of investors' engaging in "global rotation". Nervousness about the prospects for various securities, breeds a willingness (perhaps a compulsion) to trade heavily whenever opinions shift. But there is a fairly constant monetary environment, implying a largely stable pool of market liquidity. When investors sell assets, the investors' liquidity is increased, and they feel impelled to buy something else. So turnover is high, and some market sub-sectors exhibit violent short-term deviations from the norm, but the overall level of valuations is boringly stable.

The latest recovery in bonds reflects only that it was their turn in the rotation process.

The idea that the earlier loss of momentum in fixed interest sectors was due to a dangerously fast pick-up in world output (presaging higher inflation and a monetary squeeze) was always unconvincing.

The proposition that the recent revival is due to an imminent slowdown is even more preposterous. Investors have become so bemused by short-term price action that they feel they cannot afford to take account of economic judgments or assessments of underlying value. Analysts, alive to market psychology, work backwards from market value to a set of fundamentals that superficially validates it. That is fine for those who wish to play the momentum game, but it is no help to those who still wish to take a medium-term perspective. Bond markets were probably providing excellent value in February, before prices slipped. Today, with yields higher and inflation lower, they are that much more attractive.

There is nothing on the economics horizon to spoil the prognosis. Real activity is picking up in many countries, but not so violently as to quicken inflation. Labour markets are not generating dangerous pay settlements, even where unemployment is historically low. And commodity prices are falling. Accordingly, the need for a global monetary squeeze is low, probably non-existent.

Faster growth might, however, help on the fiscal front. Balanced budgets are a long way off, but the size of deficits could nevertheless fall for a couple of years. Overall, the prospects for bonds look excellent — and those for gilts, better than average.

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RADIO CHOICE

On both sides of the grave

Five Kinds of Silence. *Radio 4, 7.45pm*

I despaired when, about ten minutes into Shelagh Stephenson's shocking play, Tom Courtenay is shot and killed by his two daughters (Julia Ford and Lesley Sharp). Was this all I was going to hear from one of our most gifted actors? Fortunately not. The beast in human form is dead all right — but his thoughts linger on. Whatever would contemporary drama have done, I wonder, if someone hadn't hit on the idea of the flashback or the stream of consciousness? The patricides and their mother (Sue Johnston) have all been shamefully abused physically or sexually, but at least when *they* tell their tales of woe, it's from their position on this side of the grave.

Lost in London. *Radio 3, 9.55pm.*

Gone but, thanks to Andrew Green, not forgotten are the concert venues into which he breathes new life. St. James's Hall, now the site of a hotel in London's Piccadilly has a link with *The Times*. The confidently-expected crowds of concert-goers did not materialise when the hall opened in the 1850s. The critic of *The Times* suggested that a series of Monday and Saturday "pops" concerts should be performed, and the tide turned in St. James's favour. Tchaikovsky, Dvořák, and Hans Richter all conducted concerts there, Joachim and Liszt performed there, and Dickens gave his last public readings there. Why then, is there no commemorative plaque on a wall in the hotel in Piccadilly?

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Pier Field, Grand Parade in Skegness **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** John Peel's Classic Radio 1 Sessions. With tracks from Soft Cell, P.J. Harvey, Gary Numan and Tindersticks (6/8) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00 Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Wright at the Movies **7.30** Malcolm Laycock **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Olympic Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Inverdale's Olympics, includes showjumping, hockey and the quarter-finals of the tennis. Plus the final day's play of the first Test from Lord's **5.35** Nationwide **7.00** Olympic News Extra **7.45** Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian Payne. Includes the quarte-final tennis action and yachting in Savannah **10.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **10.55** Inverdale's Olympics, incl the 110m hurdles final and the women's 800m final **3.30am** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** Olympics **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.15** Good Lookers **9.45** Music Through Stained Glass **10.05** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30** Omnibus **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Andy Kershaw **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.30** Brain of Britain **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Legal Rights **10.45** World of Computers **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Atlanta Live **2.55** Faith **3.30** Atlanta Live **4.05** Atlanta Live **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margaret Howard **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Gottfried Finger (Sonata for trumpet, oboe and basso continuo) **7.00** Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** Evening Concert. Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A); Beethoven (Piano Sonata No 8 in C minor, Pathetique); Schubert (String Quartet No 14 in D minor, Death and the Maiden) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM) 10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Strauss (Waltz Suite No 2, Der Rosenkavalier, Act 3); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 2, Op 94a); Barber (Agnus dei); Mozart (Horn Concerto No 1 in D, K412); Elgar (Overture: Froissart); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 4 in G minor)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Beethoven (Piano Sonata in A flat, Op 110); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Presented by Stephanie Hughes. Respighi (Il tramonto); Gibbons (Lord of Salisbury Pavan and Galliard), Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements); Perotin (Veni creator spiritus) **11.00** Tippett (Piano Sonata No 1); Richard Meale (Symphony No 1); Graeme Koehne (Powerhouse Rhumba)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel
1.00pm Proms Chamber Music 1996. Introduced by Susan Sharpe. Philip Mead, piano. Ives (Three-Page Sonata); Copland (Variations); Barber (Sonata, Op 26); Montague (Paramell Va)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Gianluigi Gelmetti. With Uto Ughi, violin. Webern (Passacaglia, Op 1); Dvořák (Violin Concerto in A minor); Prokofiev (Symphony No 5)
3.45 Voices. The American mezzo Marilyn Horne talks to Iain Burnside
4.30 First Bass. A new series, presented by Alyn Shipton, that looks at the life and career of Ray Brown (1/6)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune, With Andrew Green. Schubert (Moment musicale in C, Op 94 No 1); Ravel (Trois chansons); Sibelius (Karelia Suite); Swann (A Word On My Ear)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. Susan Gritton, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Ian Bostridge, tenor, Gerald Finley, baritone, English Concert Choir and Orchestra under Trevor Pinnock. Mozart (Symphony No 23 in D, K181); Haydn (Mass in C in Time of War, Paukenmesse) **8.25** Haydn in His Time. Denis McCaldin explores the way Haydn was seen by his contemporaries **8.45** Proms Part 2. Haydn (The Storm); Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C, K551, Jupiter)
9.55 Lost in London. See Choice (1/5)
10.15 Ensemble. Introduced by Penny Gore. Priya Mitchell, violin, Andrew West, piano. Prokofiev (Five Melodies, Op 35a); Fauré (Violin Sonata in A, Op 13)
11.00 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **2.30** Hindemith, Dvořak, Franck and Sarasate **3.30** Mozart, Schumann and Mahler **5.00** Sequence

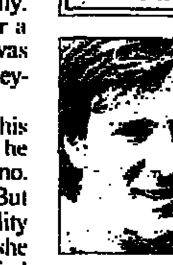
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Awkward Squad, with *Times* columnist Matthew Parris (4/4) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, with Andrew Neil
10.00 News; Big Bang (FM only), with Jez Nelson
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
10.50 Test Match Special: England v Pakistan (LW). The final day's play of the first Test from Lord's
11.30 Inside Money (FM). Margaret Drabble tries to unravel the confusion surrounding care for the elderly (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM)
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 (FM), with Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Sheena MacDonald
1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
1.40 Test Match Special (LW)
2.00 News; Top Story (FM). The final episode of the drama series set in a West Midlands news agency. With Shirley Stelfox, Don Gilet and Geoffrey Freshwater
2.00 Test Match Special (LW)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM)
4.00 News (FM) 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Lynne Walker sees Stephen Pimlott's production of Molière's *The Learned Ladies* and the Danish Ballet's version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*
4.45 Short Story: Cuban Heel (FM). Written by Martin Sorrell
5.00 PM (FM) 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
5.55 Test Match Special (LW)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 Old Harry's Game (FM). Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in Hell. With James Grout and Jimmy Mulville (3/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 One for the Pot. The first of four programmes about natural history and cooking with Lionel Kelleway (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Five Kinds of Silence. See Choice
8.45 Mind over Music. The first of two programmes which explore the psychology of music. Presented by Peter Evans (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address Juliet Stevenson reads Lee Langley's novel, abridged by Yvonne Antrobus (1/8) (r)
11.00 Space Fictions. In the last of the series, Dr John Gribbin explores cyberspace (r)
11.30 A Risky Business. Joanna Buchan explores the art of flirtation (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope begins reading Donna Tartt's bestselling thriller, adapted by Brian McCabe. Five college students murder one of their friends (1/15) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

No question of letting them marry in haste

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Inside all of us, the theory goes, there is a documentary. The only problem is that it is not necessarily a good one. That was the principal shortcoming of **The Mating Game** (BBC2) last night, an overlong, seen-it-all-before look at matrimony.

In a move that could hardly be described as mould-breaking, it had been decided that the looking would be done through the eyes of four couples more or less on the verge of tying the knot. So we met the slightly scary Steve and Anita, the rather super Alex and Katy, the very smiley Jonathan and Feryal and our second-time-arounders, Mark and Linda. You're excited already. I can tell.

To their credit, Benatta Adamson, the producer, and Malcolm Brinkworth, the director, had not followed the documentary vogue for picking oddballs as their subjects. With the exception of the apparently Stone-Age Steve (who may have been deliberately playing up, both for the cameras and the lads down the pub) everybody else was nice and normal. Alex and Katy were middle-class with a thespian bent, Jonathan was marrying his neighbour's Turkish au pair and Mark was a somewhat reluctant house-husband to a wife 12 years his senior. Interesting, but not *that* interesting.

What could have saved the programme was a really strong editorial line about marriage, something new, something contentious. But instead, it had no line at all. Our moderately happy couples were invited to discuss what marriage meant to them in whatever way they pleased. They rambled on, the programme rambled on.

With 75 minutes to fill (drat, the curse of the over-long documentary reaches BBC2) the programme took us past the big day and into the early months of married life. Jonathan and Feryal seemed to be making a good go of love at first sight, although Feryal was missing Turkish food and her family. "If need be we can fly there for a weekend," said Jonathan, who was still smiling and still at the money-no-object stage.

Alex, too, seemed happy with his lot, oozing contentment as he played *The Piano* on a piano. "Who knows what life holds? But now we have one piece of stability — we are married." As for Kay, she didn't feel like a Mrs at all: "I feel like a 14-year-old most of the time."

Whether it was significant or not, I don't know, but it was the two working-class couples who looked to be facing the toughest future. As far as I could tell this had little to do with financial hardship (both couples had known hard times in the past, but were now pretty well set up — Steve with his painting and decorating, Linda with her florist's) but everything to do with the timing of the marriage itself. In both cases it seemed to come at the "what-do-we-do-next?" stage in the relationships, the moment when "let's get married" is rarely the right answer. I do hope they prove me wrong.

But let us give the last word to Steve, partly because he seems a man used to having it and partly because I still can't quite believe some of the things he came out with. As a rule, he was against hitting women. "But if she hits me, I whack her back twice as hard." Anita apparently accepted this as justice, but she had been warned. At their sumptuous and spectacular wedding, the vicar announced that the reading would be taken from, er, *Ephesians*: "Wives should regard their husbands as they do the Lord ... as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands ... in everything." Well, I suppose a chap's got to have somebody to put away his childish things for him.

Last weekend, it was touch and go whether the BBC would screen **The Writing on the Wall** (BBC1). There was rather too much real terrorism going on to make a fictional version a particularly edifying prospect. In the event, however, the corporation pressed ahead, opportunistically describing the series as, among other things, "timely". It was an unbecomingly cheap shot.

Another week and another bomb. And perhaps the best thing that can be said about P.G. Duggan's thriller is that it finishes tonight. Actually, to be fair, there are a couple of better things that could be squeezed out. Peter Smith, the director, has ensured that it looks good. Bill Paterson is his normal watchable self as Bull and Lena Stolze grows ever more convincing as Martina, the increasingly mad terrorist and, as of last night, rapist — or as convincing as you can be in such an outlandish role.

But the series remains flawed by weak acting from some of the multinational secondary cast, wooden dialogue that has embraced every cliché of the genre (baddies who have thick Germanic accents, American generals who say "God-dammit" at every opportunity) and a character called Hunsacker. I'm sorry, but his name just makes me laugh.

There were problems, too, for last night's **Charles Rennie Mackintosh — A Modern Man** (BBC2). The first is that Mackintosh has been profiled so many times before that it is difficult to find anything new to say about him, and the second was a very curious narration. This flowery, subjective and rather under-edited script was read by Juliet Stevenson, but had clearly not been written by her.

The holder of such firm beliefs ought to have been identified long before the final credits laid the responsibility at Ronald Frame's high-backed chair. But if the words occasionally jarred (because of their anonymity, not the sentiments they expressed), the photography was outstanding. Mackintosh's work can rarely have looked so beautiful.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

6.00am Business Breakfast (94829)

7.00 Olympic Breakfast. The best of the overnight action including the heats of the 110m hurdles, men's high jump, heptathlon, women's 5,000m, men's 400 semi-finals, plus medals in the gymnastics, yachting, weightlifting and water polo. Includes **7.15, 7.45, 8.15 News** (45900)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (4639349)

9.05 Olympic Grandstand. Extended highlights from Atlanta featuring 110m hurdles heats, men's high jump final, heptathlon, 400m semi-finals and women's 5,000m final. Inclues **11.00, 12.00 News** and Weather (49027320)

12.35pm Neighbours. Stonie comes to blows over Annalise (Ceefax) (s) (9405875)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and Weather (28287)

1.30 Regional News (12023875)

1.40 Olympic Grandstand and Cricket — First Test. The first of the live reports featuring Great Britain v Australia in the men's hockey, the team showjumping competition, men's 400m hurdles, women's 100m hurdles, men's 1,500m and women's triple-jump. Up-dates on the archery, badminton and volleyball competitions. Plus coverage of the first Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's (Ceefax) (s) (94232691)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (775455)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and **Weather** (639)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (691)

7.00 The Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the tennis quarter-finals and the table-tennis final. Plus the finals and the awarding of the medals in the men's high jump and women's 5,000m. Plus highlights of Britain's men's hockey team in action against Australia (Ceefax) (s) (8320)

8.00 EastEnders. The residents of the Square bed down for the night in some rather unusual places (Ceefax) (s) (9726)

8.30 Oh Doctor Beeching! An unusual consignment is delivered to Hatley, and is unfortunately mislaid (Ceefax) (s) (8233)

9.00 News; Regional News and **Weather** (Ceefax) (4900)

9.30 The Writing on the Wall. Concluding the Cold War thriller. Sullivan's ordeal is over but he still faces some awkward questions. With Dennis Haysbert, Bill Paterson, Lena Stolze andCelia Imrie (Ceefax) (s) (261962)

10.20 Olympic Grandstand. Return to Atlanta for live coverage introduced by Desmond Lynam Athletics. **10.45** Women's 100m second round **11.20** Men's 110m hurdles semi-finals **11.50** Men's 800m final **12.35am** Women's 400m final **12.55** Men's 3,000m steeplechase first round. **1.40** Yachting/Hockey **1.50** Athletics Men's 110 hurdle final **2.10** Men's 400m final **2.30** Women's 400m hurdles semi-final **3.00** Men's 10,000m final **3.35** Weightlifting/Diving (s) (64248726)

4.25 FILM: Blood on the Sun (1945, b/w) with James Cagney, Sylvia Sidney and Wallace Ford. Drama built around the role played by the Editor of a Tokyo newspaper in exposing a Japanese plan to invade Manchuria during the 1920s Directed by Frank Lloyd (71829214)

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6.10am Databases (6592523) **6.35 The Art of Commerce** (8016962) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (94676374)

9.05 Spiderman (r) (s) (3147639) **9.25 To Me ... to You** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6230252) **9.55 Poddington Peas** (r) (6126726) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (6103875) **10.25 The Addams Family** (r) (Ceefax) (5029165)

10.50 Cricket — First Test. Coverage of the final day's play from Lord's between England and Pakistan (71559981)

1.00pm German Grand Prix. Highlights from Hockenheim (s) (4576165)

1.40 Cricket — First Test. Further coverage from Lord's. Includes news and weather at **3.00** (s) (83105455)

3.55 News and Weather (Ceefax) (2451788)

4.00 Tom and Jerry (7007726) **4.05 Fudge** (Ceefax) (s) (2460436) **4.30 It'll Never Work** (r) (Ceefax) (788) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8377691) **5.10 Sara** (Ceefax) (s) (7743146)

5.35 Cricket — First Test and Olympic Grandstand. Action from Lord's and Atlanta (s) (485707)

6.15 FILM: Village of the Damned (1960). An adaptation of John Wyndham's chilling novel about a mysterious incident in a sleepy English village which results in the birth of 12 strangely similar children With George Sanders, Barbara Shelley and Martin Stephens Directed by Wolf Rilla (b/w) (Ceefax) (3999691)

Christina Hance (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **The Day That Changed My Life: The Princess and I** (Ceefax) (s) (417)

8.00 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker with continued action from Atlanta. Including yachting, tennis, volleyball, and archery. In the stadium, seven track and field golds will be decided including the women's 800m, the men's 400m and the men's 110m hurdles (s) (39433097)

10.20 Close Up. Julie Christie choses a memorable eating scene from *Urga* (r) (s) (797610)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (849184)

11.15 Cricket — First Test. Highlights of the final day's play (431349)

12.00 Animated 2: Control Freak. Animator and humorist Joanna Priestly reveals intimate secrets of mid-life crisis in her provocative short films (s) (40158)

12.30am Open University: Managing Schools (Ceefax) (72030) **1.00 Bridges: Spanning Materials** (Ceefax) (13450)

1.30 Olympic Grandstand. Coverage of the second day of the gymnastic individual apparatus finals. The men's vault, parallel bars and high bar, and the women's beam and floor will be decided (2671059)

4.55 Open University: Young Turks in Germany (92975092) **5.20 Testing Teachers?** (8091479) **5.45-6.00 Curiouser and Curiouser** (5350547)

CHOICE

The Day That Changed My Life
BBC2. 7.30pm

A single mother from Cambridgeshire who worked unglamorously for the council, Christina Hance became famous in 1986 when she won a television lookalike competition as the Princess of Wales. A new career beckoned. She opens supermarkets, endorses products, gets treated as if she was a real princess and can earn up to £5,000 a day. The downside is that she gets stared at, often quite rudely. Like her double, she both enjoys the attention and feels overwhelmed by it. Jeanette Charles, the Queen impersonator, is underwhelmed by Hance's success, but Peter Hugo, a Prince of Wales lookalike who has worked with 15 "Dianas" thinks she is a pro. Hance's 16-year-old daughter complains that it is not a real job. Mum retorts that it is real money and is confident that despite the royal divorce, it will still roll in.

The Bill Special: The Target
ITV, 8.30pm

Like *EastEnders* recently and *Coronation Street* later in the year, the police show has spilled over into four episodes in one week. But this is not to be a regular occurrence and the programme's admirers will probably be glad. It is one thing to expand a soap opera, with its running storylines. But *The Bill*, whose episodes are normally self-contained, does not have that advantage. Trying to think up three new stories a week (and the show prides itself on never repeating a plot) is already a strain. Even the most fanatical Billophiles have to concede that it sometimes shows. Tonight's "special" is actually a running together of a cracking three-part story from last year, in which WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) becomes the target of a hitman and another regular character meets a violent end.

The State of Marriage
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The Princess of Wales (with her husband) is also the catalyst for a film in which couples who were wed in the same year as the royal pair reflect on their marriages and marriage in general. Brian Hill, who made that delicious Channel 4 documentary about Northwood Golf Club, has assembled a large cast representing a range of class and circumstance. Unlike the Waleses, most of them are still together. In fact the programme becomes almost a celebration of marriage until we get to a man who is seeking a divorce on the grounds (surely not supported by the law) that his wife has become too fat and scruffy. What is more he says it on camera, to her face. Invited to comment on the failure of the royal marriage, the contributors, from whatever end of the social spectrum, display an almost unanimous lack of sympathy.

Latino Nights: Shadows on the Street
Channel 4, 10.55pm

In Rio de Janiero hundreds of children live on the streets, abandoned by their families and with no prospect of work. They survive by begging and stealing and sniffing glue. Embarrassed by their presence, the business community hires death squads to get ride of them. The killers are often police officers. David Munro has worked with John Pilger and his film has all of Pilger's social anger. It charts how a 14-year-old, almost by herself, tries to get justice for eight children shot dead on the steps of a church. Three policemen are accused of the slaughter but the authorities close ranks. A police chief who promises to root out corruption is suspended and children who might have given evidence go into hiding rather than risk the same fate as their comrades. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (1044829)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (Teletext) (s) (r) (6243726)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (7702320)

10.20 News (Teletext) (9188962)

10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (9187233)

10.30 FILM: The Girl Who Spelled Freedom (1986) with Wayne Rogers, Mary Kay Place and Kieu Chinh. The true story of Linn Yann, a young Cambodian refugee who escaped to the United States with her family. Upon her arrival in America she could only speak a few words of English but within four years she had become a national spelling champion. Directed by Simon Wincer (86796691)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2910523) **12.30 News** (Teletext) (9424900) **12.55 Shortland Street** (s) (9409691) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5669097) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (61309436) **2.25 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman** (r) (s) (7509165)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (9920184)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (9929455)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (3194252)

3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (1866078) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (r) (s) (1855962) **4.00 Scooby Doo** (r) (4320349) **4.15 The Famous Five** (626504) **4.45 The Great Dinosaur Trail** (5982287)

5.10 The Dressing Up Show (7280455)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (291078)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (764900)

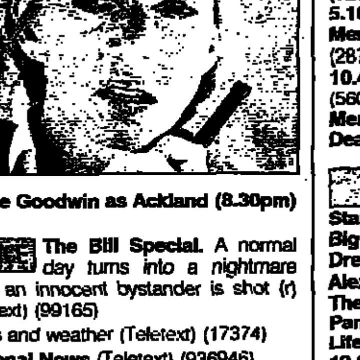
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (858813)

6.50 Let's Go (238320)

7.00 The List (5146)

7.30 Coronation Street. Jack finds out what has been troubling Vera (Teletext) (271)

8.00 Classic Cooper. Highlights from the career of the late, great Tommy Cooper (Teletext) (4894)



Trudie Goodwin as Ackland (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **The Bill Special.** A normal day turns into a nightmare when an innocent bystander is shot (r) (Teletext) (99165)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (17374)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (936946)

10.40 Limited Edition (854165) **11.10 Inner Journeys** (r) (Teletext) (414097) **11.40 Tropical Heat** (r) (s) (899349) **12.40 Bushell on the Box** (s) (6119498) **1.10 The Big Match — Replayed** (1800160) **1.55 Customs Classified** (4544450) **2.55 Jones and Jury** (s) (8324498)

3.15 FILM: Police Dog (1955, b/w) with Joan Rice, Tim Turner and Sandra Dorne. A policeman teams up with a stray dog to catch the man who killed his partner. Directed by Derek Twist (9743295)

4.30 The Time ... the Place (r) (s) (38769)

5.00 The Entertainers (r) (37112)

5.30 Morning News (91653)

As HTV WEST except:

5.10pm-5.40 Tribe (7280455)

6.25 Wales Tonight (922813)

7.00-7.30 Artyfax (5146)

10.40 People Like Us (554165)

11.10-11.40 Raising a Storm: The Making of Twister (414097)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1944252)

11.25 Side Effects (5351310)

12.55pm Coronation Street (9409691)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61252252)

1.55 Home and Away (92546320)

2.25 Wild about Cornwall (61302523)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7153829)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7280455)

6.00 Westcountry Live (43455)

7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares (5146)

10.40 Hot Spots (854165)

11.10 Street Legal (641639)

12.10am Short Story Cinema (9655905)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: ***10.30* Murder, She Wrote** (1944252) **11.25 Side Effects** (5351310) **12.55pm Home and Away** (9409691) **1.25 Cross Wits** (61252252) **1.55 A Country Practice** (78171349) **2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers** (7118504) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (7280455) **6.25 Central News** (922813) **7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares** (5146) **10.40 Film: Double Edge** (19768894) **12.20am Sound Bites** (1907566) **12.40 The Big Match Replayed** (9555498) **1.25 The Crime Hour** (4003214) **2.30 Jones and Jury** (8305363) **2.50 Film: One Damned Day at Dawn — Django Meets Sartana** (7714382)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (7702320) **10.30 Worzel Gummidge** (16813) **11.00 Dogtanian** (3570726) **11.25 Beakman's World** (3573813) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (2351252) **12.55pm Coronation Street** (9409691) **1.25 Home and Away** (61252252) **1.55 Shortland Street** (92546320) **2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers** (7509165) **5.10 Home and Away** (7280455) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (707) **6.30 Out of Town** (287) **7.00-7.30 Celebrity Squares** (5146) **10.40 The Pier** (864542) **11.05 The Listings** (560875) **11.10 Go Fishing** (414097) **11.40 Meridian Masterclass** (388405) **12.10am Dead Men's Tales** (9655905)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Hammerman (8114558) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (38610) **9.00 California Dreams** (6222233) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (6225320) **9.55 Saved by the Bell: The College Years** (6835436) **10.20 Pink Panther** (5015962) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (4364504) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (7056748) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (67897) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (33078) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (48097) **1.30 The Lost Betjemans** (32349) **2.00 Film: Jezebel** (902726) **3.55 Terrytoons** (2479184) **4.00 Backdate** (900) **4.30 Garden Party** (184) **5.00 5 Pump** (7147900) **5.15 5 Pump** (8381894) **5.30 Countdown** (436) **6.00 Newyddion** (120542) **6.15 Heno** (648349) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (857310) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (200523) **8.00 Gorau Garl** (2436) **8.30 Newyddion** (4271) **9.00 Frasier** (7610) **9.30 Friends** (46542) **10.00 Wedding Night: The Real Wedding Show** (17356) **10.30 Wedding Night: The State of Marriage** (3944252) **11.55 Wedding Night: Roseanne** (283851) **12.25am Wedding Night: I Camcorder** (8353276)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (38610)

9.00 California Dreams (6222233) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (r) (s) (6225320) **9.55 Saved by the Bell** (r) (Teletext) (6835436) **10.20 Pink Panther** (r) (s) (5015962) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (r) (s) (4364504) **11.05 The Crystal Maze** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7056748) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (r) (67897) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (r) (Teletext) (s) (33078) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (2684829) **1.55 Third Avenue El** (12042900)

2.10 FILM: June Bride (1948) Romantic comedy with Bette Davis and Robert Montgomery. Directed by Bretaigne Windust (b/w) (Teletext) (425252)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (900) **4.30 Countdown** (s) (Teletext) (184) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show** (s) (Teletext) (3224610) **5.50 Murun Buchstansangur** (479320)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (349)

6.30 Boy Meets World (Teletext) (s) (909146)

6.55 Fresh Pop (517349)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (378928)

7.55 The Slot (367691)

8.00 I Camcorder. Channel 4 begins an evening looking at the institution of marriage, in the wake of the divorce proceedings of the Prince and Princess of Wales, with Robert Llewellyn's film about weddings (r) (Teletext) (s) (2436)

8.30 The Real Wedding Show. Gaby Roslin looks at three very different weddings through the eyes of the couples involved (Teletext) (s) (4271)

Keith and Isobel Squirrell (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The State of Marriage.** Brian Hill takes a cross-section of couples who like the Prince and Princess of Wales, married in 1981 and gets them talking about love, sex, money, children and how their lives compare to the Royal couple (Teletext) (1773504)

10.25 Roseanne. Roseanne frets as Fred and Jackie are indecisive about getting married (796720)

10.55 CHOICE **Shadows on the Street.** Focusing on the immunity given to members of the deaths squads in Brazil (s) (1068829)

12.00 Batmam and Robim. The nearly-namesakes, Leo and Mario, in Sao Paulo, dress up as their heroes and try to rob a bank. In Portugese with English subtitles (98566)

12.30am Rio Funk. In Rio State, funk balls are a regular occurence with crowds of around 50,000 (25362)

1.30 FILM: Latino Bar (1991). With Delores Pedro and Roberto Sosla. Directed by Paul Leduc. In Spanish with English subtitles (4749547)

2.55-3.25 Lifers Rap (r) (9077547)

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (85788) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1580962) **9.20** Love Connection (3154184) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9974287) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6932252) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1972436) **12.00** Code 3 (58813) **12.30pm** Designing Women (86184) **1.00** Hotel (81639) **2.00** Geraldo (52726) **3.00** Court TV (4813) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5912900) **4.15** Undun (4645610) **5.00** Quantum Leap (5165) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (61875) **7.00** Spellbound (6894) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2320) **8.00** Strange Luck (11894) **9.00** Fire (86418) **10.00** Quantum Leap (85207) **11.00** Highlander (78252) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1686450) **12.45am** Roses Are for the Rich (5906721) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (30740) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2181214)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (7507875) **9.30** The Book Show (2796691) **10.10** 60 Minutes (4651233) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (11707) **2.30** CBS News This Morning (96504) **3.30** The Book Show (4542) **5.00** Live at Five (72252) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (12833) **7.30** Sportsline (318542) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (634252) **11.30** CBS Evening News (79252) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (76030) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (9934818) **2.10** 60 Minutes (1226672) **3.30** The Book Show (32617) **4.30** CBS Evening News (88634) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (33653)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Gay Divorcee (1934) (29287) **8.00 Room Service (1938)** (43078) **10.00 Prelude to a Kiss (1992)** (80900) **12.00 Celebration Family (1987)** (39829) **2.00pm It Could Happen to You (1994)** (25097) **4.00 Snoopy, Come Home (1972)** (1158925) **5.45 Prelude to a Kiss (1992)** (15080962) **7.30 El Features** (47542) **8.00 Dead Air (1994)** (38233) **9.30 It Could Happen to You (1994)** (485702) **11.20 Mr Jones (1993)** (908436) **1.15am Walk Proud (1979)** (123634) **2.50 Painted Heart (1992)** (7263382) **4.20-6.00 Celebration Family (1987)** (445295)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Krull (1983) (70271) **2.00pm From This Day Forward (1946)** (49469) **4.00 April in Paris (1952)** (2829) **6.00 The Conqueror (1955)** (87875) **8.00 Krull (1983)** (82320) **10.00 From Hell to Victory (1979)** (511900) **11.50 The L-shaped Room (1963)** (38713707) **2.00am 1984 (1984)** (538363) **3.50-5.10 Klondike Annie (1936)** (8820127)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A Girl in Every Port (1951) (23320) **7.30 Spiderman: Photo Finish/ a Matter of State (1973)** (46271) **9.00 Beanstalk (1994)** (3726962) **10.25 The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (1988)** (19226233) **12.00 The Roots of Heaven (1958)** (38373813) **2.10pm Belle Starr (1941)** (175748) **4.00 Beanstalk (1994)** (8639) **6.00 Eversmile, New Jersey (1989)** (85225) **8.00 Clear and Present Danger (1994)** (89874875) **10.20 Judicial Consent (1995)** (849320) **12.05am American Heart (1993)** (662740) **2.00 Spellbinder (1988)** (636479) **3.45-6.00 To Protect and Serve (1992)** (41205672)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78419894) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64937349) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64949184) **7.20** Ducktales (22938423) **7.45** Ducktales (34056542) **8.10** Quack Attack (28781946) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (47296436) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (95952558) **9.30** Quack Attack (14515504) **10.00** Raw Toonage (84435184) **10.30** Marsupilami (95878542) **11.00** Sing Me a Story with Belle (72665707) **11.30** Lamb Chop's Play-Along (72686436) **12.00** Muppet Babies (95869894) **12.30pm** Dumbo's Circus (14519320) **1.00 FILM: Once in a Blue Moon** (42165810) **2.35** Eye of the Storm (46658897) **3.00** Ducktales (10419875) **3.25** Quack Attack (10421610) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (68952504) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (59683707) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (73866368) **5.00** Gargoyles (66044271) **5.30** Raw Toonage (84621558) **6.00** Marsupilami (97293720) **6.20** Emerald Cove (52957233) **6.30** Home Improvement (84539523) **7.00** Zorro (66031707) **7.30 FILM: Never a Dull Moment** (98720455) **9.00** The Making of D2: Mighty Ducks (72698271) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

EUROSPORT

6.00am Good Morning Atlanta (78829) **7.00** Artistic Gymnastics (28455) **8.00** Diving (29184) **9.00** Athletics (72558) **11.00** Olympic Team Sprint (28271) **12.00** Artistic Gymnastics (68813) **1.00pm** Athletics (23977) **1.30** Live Athletics (1958542) **5.30** Live Volleyball (48981) **7.30** Diving (1784) **8.00** Olympic Extra (3726) **8.30** Athletics (2233) **9.00** Live Weightlifting (79925813) **10.45** Live Athletics (1382813) **12.00** Olympic Special (72566) **12.30am** Equestrianism (48382) **1.30** Live Artistic Gymnastics (957363) **4.00** Live Diving (23721) **5.00** Good Morning Atlanta (88214) **5.30** Athletics (73295)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (22720) **7.30** Watersports World (86813) **8.30** Racing News (22523) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (13875) **9.30** Mountain Biking Dual Descender Series (50894) **10.00** American Sports Cavalcade (20639) **11.00** Super League (72225) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (33639) **12.30pm** Tartan Extra (59271) **2.30** American Sports Cavalcade (41078) **3.30** Rebel Sports (6788) **4.00** Mountain Biking Dual Descender Series (8523) **4.30** Nascar Talledega 500 (868287) **7.00** Sky Sports Centre (381146) **7.05** The Winning Post: Windsor and Nottingham — Live (8209356) **8.30** International Cricket: England v Pakistan (86639) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (722271) **10.15** This Week in Baseball (173962) **10.45** Nascar Talledega 500 (24680788) **1.15am** Bushido — the Ultimate Fight (586011) **2.15-2.45** This Week in Baseball (517721)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook: Classic Liverpool (6067558) **11.30-1.00** World Cup Classics. Brazil v Italy in Madrid, Spain 1982 (4004981)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Voice of Faith **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Yesterday Today and Forever **6.15** Word of Live **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3743894) **7.55** As the World Turns (4524962) **8.50** Peyton Place (9022146) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9609436) **10.10-11.00** Another World

Harrison Ford in the midst of the action (Movie Channel, 8pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang **11.30** Independent Travellers Guide **12.30pm** Pierre Franey **1.00** Getaway **1.30** Great Escapes **2.00** Trailside **2.30** Mansions **3.00** Globetrotter **3.30** Around the World **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Great Sea Battles of World War II (7898418) **5.00** Kings and Queens of England (2104320) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Prince Charles (6151146)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, plus **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (3382558) **8.00** Starman (3295078) **9.00-10.00** Outer Limits (3208542) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (4461914) **2.00-4.00 FILM: Omen III: The Final Conflict** (3033672)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5391875) **9.30** Grow Your Own (8084691) **10.00** Neat Stuff (5070981) **10.30** This Old House (5493287) **11.00** The Painted House (1108165) **11.30** Room Service (1109894) **12.00** Julia Child (5311639) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (8095707) **1.00** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (1977813) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (8094078) **2.00** Our House (9508207) **2.30** Garden Club (3894639) **3.00** Two's Country (4527232) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (3899184)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (1970900) **7.30** Neighbours (1966707) **8.00** Angels (5303610) **8.30** I Love Lucy (5302981) **9.00** The Bill (5393233) **9.30** The Sullivans (8093349) **10.00** Fourth Arm (1955691) **11.00** Bullseye (1100523) **11.30** Tellystack (1101252) **12.00** Sale of the Century (5313097) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8097165) **1.00** Till Death Us Do Part (2091271) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4047558) **2.15** Man About the House (6038788) **2.50** Three Up, Two Down (6782875) **3.30** The Bill (3891542) **4.00** One by One (52375417) **5.05** Tellystack (54407726) **5.35** Bullseye (9296558) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (9948788) **7.05** The Two Ronnies (2659726) **8.00** Seven of One (3306469) **8.30** Man About the House (8156766) **9.00** Not the Nine O Clock News (1293287) **9.30** Love Thy Neighbour (8180829) **10.00** The Bill (3732436) **10.35** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (3193829) **11.15** Capital City (6050417) **12.15am FILM: Too Many Crooks** (2290295) **1.45-3.00** Shopping (34738653)

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BRAVO

12.00 thirtysomething (8001368) **1.00pm** thirtysomething (8087788) **2.00** Man from Interpol (5106441) **2.30** Scotland Yard (3881165) **3.00** The Saint (1107436) **4.00 FILM: They Came from Beyond Space** (2851374) **6.00** UFO (8090252) **7.00** Automen (3544542) **8.00** Weird World! Planet of the Apes (3520962) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (3540726) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Borderline** (1108707)

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7.00pm Family Ties (7392) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (3078) **8.00** Wings (9900) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (5707) **9.00** Soap (30455) **9.30** Taxi (49788) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (25610) **10.30** The Critic (14558) **11.00** Dr Katz (35900) **11.30** Nightstand (22368) **12.30pm** Carnal Knowledge (51856) **1.30** Taxi (81498) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (78011) **2.30** The Critic (64818) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (13504)

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Petrol price war prompts Elf to muscle in on supermarkets

A FRENCH oil company is ready to retaliate against superstores in the petrol price war by launching a chain of food stores on Britain's high streets.

Elf Oil UK, which has 650 petrol stations, will test consumer reaction to five town centre outlets trading under the Le Shop banner. They will stock around 2,500 lines of food and drink, including fresh produce, but will not sell petrol. If the stores prove successful, Elf, a subsidiary of France's mighty Elf Aquitaine industrial group, is prepared to commit "significant" investment to a chain of Le Shop outlets, principally located in the South and South East of England.

Elf's audacious plan is a direct response to the cut-throat price war on petrol station forecourts, with petrol frequently sold at a loss. Supermarket chains including J Sainsbury and Tesco have led the way by selling petrol at a discount on their own forecourts, forcing major oil companies to cut their petrol prices.

The battle for market share has forced hundreds of independent garages out of business and was the main reason behind the proposed merger of the forecourt operations of BP and Mobil.

Last week the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee report forecast there could be just 9,000 petrol stations in the UK by the year 2000, compared with more than 16,000 now. In 1990 there were more than 19,000 petrol stations in the UK.

In common with other oil companies, Elf has responded to the price war by developing forecourt retail outlets. The company plans to have 50 Le Shop forecourt outlets. In addition, it has invited Somerfield, the supermarket chain, to operate shops on some of its forecourts.

Christian Cleret, Elf UK managing director, said: "The margins on fuel retailing are extremely low and therefore we are developing other non-fuel revenue streams."

The trend to retailing on forecourts is likely to lead them to stocking alcoholic drinks. Local authorities generally refuse applications by oil companies for a licence to sell alcohol, in line with government guidelines.

However, it is becoming hard to enforce a ban. Petrol retailers argue that their grocery sales are the main source of income on many sites and that they should be able to sell beer and wine just like a conventional supermarket. Elf has obtained an alcohol licence for its Le Shop at Ducklington, near Oxford.

Managers to urge end of social opt-out

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S managers' organisation is to endorse ending Britain's opt-out from the European social chapter. Instead, it urges a future government to engage fully in Europe.

The Institute of Management will argue that the European social chapter "does not hold many fears" especially for big businesses — a direct contrast to the claims of most business leaders in the UK.

The planned move by the 70,000-member institute, Britain's premier senior management body, will anger ministers, who are insisting on maintaining the UK's opt-out, and will delight Labour leaders, who claim that business fears about the EU social chapter are grossly overstated.

A draft version of the institute's planned pre-election manifesto takes a strongly pro-European line, according to a copy seen by *The Times*. The institute is traditionally more centrist than the CBI and more pro-EU than the Institute of Directors.

The preliminary document — a full version of which is expected to be published in September — says a future government must direct its attention towards "constructive engagement" with the EU, and says that the "dangers entailed in how the UK is currently perceived in Europe should not be underemphasised". In a passage critical of the Government's policy on Europe, the institute speaks of a "consistent tone of distance and disengagement" and says that "at times, belligerent confrontation has damaged the UK's best interests".

Calling for "mature debate" on costs and benefits of the European social agenda, the draft manifesto notes that many companies have already implemented social chapter proposals, in spite the opt-out from the Maastricht treaty negotiated by John Major.

The IoM argues that "a blanket opt-out may be too blunt an instrument", and urges the UK instead to take part fully in shaping European social policy. "Full involvement in EU negotiations on social chapter proposals would enable the UK to tailor social policy to the specific characteristics of the UK business environment," it says.

Such an approach, which the institute says could then take account of key issues such as market sector and company size, is in line with that suggested on EU social policy by Tony Blair.

Although the institute makes no specific recommendation about European monetary union, it insists that Britain must remain "fully involved" in developments towards a single currency, and says that, if any future UK government intends to remain outside a single currency, it should set out what alternative it envisages for Britain and its implications for UK business.

The preliminary document, *Managing UK plc — an Agenda for Change*, says that its thoughts are a "staging post" towards more detailed proposals, but IoM leaders acknowledge that its message is unlikely to shift fundamentally before it is published.

Negative equity hope

A REPORT published today by the Council of Mortgage Lenders suggests that a rise of 5 per cent in house prices could halve the number of households suffering from negative equity (Marianne Curphey writes).

House prices are widely forecast to rise by 4 to 6 per cent this year, plus a further 5 to 6 per cent in 1997. CML says this could halve negative equity by the end of the year, cutting the number of people whose property is worth less than their mortgage to 500,000.

Negative equity most affects the South East, where people who bought in the late 1980s and early 1990s saw values plummet. South-east prices are now moving upwards more quickly than other parts of the country.

Stephen Hinchliffe may see the receivers of his Facia shops group call for a move to disqualify him as a director

Hinchliffe risks new ban plea

By Jason Nissé

STEPHEN Hinchliffe, the controversial Sheffield businessman, is set to face a second move to disqualify him as a director when the report by the receivers of Facia Group is sent to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Tony Thompson, head of the KPMG team appointed to Mr Hinchliffe's retailing empire two months ago, plans to recommend that disqualification proceedings be taken against Mr Hinchliffe for failing to keep proper accounting records and not producing a director's statement of affairs for the company.

Mr Hinchliffe, and his business partner, Christopher Harrison, already face disqualification proceedings over the collapse, two years ago of Boxgrey, a company providing tennis courts. The business was sold shortly before its collapse in a deal that covered most of a loan made to Boxgrey by another company controlled by Mr Hinchliffe.

A hearing on those proceedings is to take place in Newcastle on Thursday. Mr Hinchliffe says that this is unimportant and will not attend.

Mr Hinchliffe is trying to have KPMG removed as receivers of Facia and replaced by the liquidators Buchler Phillips. He claims that KPMG should never have been appointed and that, having sold businesses worth about £15 million, so paying off Facia's £7 million of bank debts, KPMG's job is done.

Mr Thompson said that there was much more to be done, including investigating an interest-free £2.5 million loan from Facia to companies controlled by Mr Hinchliffe and other related-party deals.

KPMG is also angry that Mr Hinchliffe has yet to produce a statement of affairs, as a director is supposed to do within 21 days of receivers being appointed. This report was due at the end of June.

Mr Hinchliffe has asked Baker Tilly, the accountants, to produce the report and KPMG to pay for it. Baker Tilly confirmed that it was approached after the deadline for producing the report.

Executive pay rises on the up

Executive pay is rising faster than six months ago, according to new figures from Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the pay and benefit consultancy. The median basic salary for all executives rose 5.3 per cent in the last year to £70,900. Companies with a turnover of up to £50 million paid a median rise of 8.1 per cent, and those with sales turnover of £50 million to £300 million paid 10.7 per cent more. The largest companies gave increases averaging 6.3 per cent.

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Clarke attack

UBS economist Bill Martin has launched a brutal attack on the Chancellor's economic policies, claiming that Kenneth Clarke is pushing the economy towards another boom-bust cycle with interest rate and tax cuts to try to be re-elected. "His economic policies will continue to overstimulate an economy in natural recovery, risking overheating," said Mr Martin.

Bid hope

The future of *The Independent* would be underwritten if the Mirror Group/Independent Newspapers bid for Pearson's Westminster Press regional newspapers wins this week, IN's Tony O'Reilly said. Analysts believe it would otherwise be put up for sale.

Virgin U-turn

Virgin Atlantic Airways has shelved plans to fly direct to Australia from the UK after admitting it had suffered a "disappointing" first year in its new new code-share agreement with Malaysia Airlines on the same route.

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BT and Oftel work on plan to escape MMC

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and Oftel are working on a last-minute compromise deal with the Government that could avoid a bruising confrontation with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. BT must decide by Friday to accept or reject a new regulatory package proposed by Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Oftel. If BT does not accept, Oftel must refer it to the MMC.

The package will set the regulatory framework from 1997 to 2002 and will more or less determine the potential profitability of BT's domestic operations and its competitive stance in the market.

There are two main components to the package. The first, which governs pricing, has been accepted informally by BT, whose chief executive is Sir Peter Bonfield. The next price cap would limit price increases to the rate of inflation less 4.5 per cent, against the current formula of RPI less 7.5 per cent. The new cap would also cover fewer services. BT says it cannot, however, accept the fair trading clause that Mr Cruickshank intends to insert into BT's operating licence. This would allow him to ban BT from any practice he considers anti-competitive and, to BT's alarm, would deny the company a right of appeal. Mr Cruickshank is prepared to give BT the right of appeal, but argues that he cannot do so because such a courtesy would require parliamentary legislation.

Sir Peter: informal acceptance

The compromise would give BT right of appeal without primary legislation. Their are two routes. One is "secondary" legislation, in which the Government could re-interpret the Fair Trading Act or BT's licence. Appeals could then be heard by the MMC, the OFT or an independent panel of competition experts. Another option would involve the DOT agreeing to introduce into law those articles of EC Treaty legislation which deal with appeal.

Graham Searjeant, page 42

Downturn for civil engineers

MORE than half of Britain's civil engineering contractors have a lower workload and smaller order books than a year ago, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (Graham Searjeant writes).

A sharp deterioration in orders has put the industry in its worst state for 3½ years. The decline in invitations to tender is thought to be the steepest since 1980, as public spending cuts bite on infrastructure investment and maintenance at local and national levels. The switch to the personal finance initiative has also caused an hiatus in ordering.

Jim Turner, FCEC external affairs' director, said that 40 per cent of member firms had cut employment over the past year and five times more firms expect to shed labour than to take on more workers.

The CBI has called for a £2.5 billion a year rise in spending on transport infrastructure.

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Inquiry criticises Oflot chief

By Jon Ashworth

PETER DAVIS, the National Lottery regulator, should never have accepted free flights from GTech, the American lottery company, during a fact-finding mission to America two years ago.

Revelations about his activities, and his friendship with a GTech director, seriously undermined his position, according to a damning report to be published this week.

MPs are understood to have rejected a still more critical version of the report, which follows Mr Davis's appearance before the all-party Commons Public Accounts Committee last December. Publication was delayed to allow a more balanced version, although some MPs on the committee are clearly angered that the original was not allowed to stand.

Mr Davis came close to losing his £80,000-a-year job over the free flights furore. It later emerged that he told MPs of his deep misgivings about GTech during a session behind closed doors. He urged them not to make his views public for fear of damaging confidence in the lottery. MPs were said to be astonished by his apparent inability to see anything wrong in his dealings with GTech. He stressed that his US visit came five months after the lottery licence was awarded, and was approved after consultation with colleagues at the Office of the National Lottery (Oflot).

Committee members said Mr Davis had been "indiscreet and ill-advised" in his actions. Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea East, put it to him: "Do you not understand that perhaps the British taxpayer may have been happier to have paid your fare than have you, the regulator, being flown around the United States by someone who had a commercial interest in your decisions and in your long-term oversight of this lottery?"

Mr Williams said at the weekend: "Our criticism is not just that he did what he did, but that he cannot see why anybody else should be concerned about it."

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